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## MEMORANDUM

There is being set forth below a chronological summary of events relating to the harboring of Alvin Karpis by Joseph M. Adams and Henry Duke Randall. The page number which will appear below the date noted in each instance pertains to the page on which such information is found in the summary report which was prepared in this matter. It is intended, therefore, that this memorandum will serve as a convenient supplement to that summary.

July 19, 1934  
Page 52

On this date Alvin Karpis, using the name of Charles Bronson, purchased a 1934 Ford Coupe, Motor #18-1057480, from the George A. Falke Motor Company, 17800 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Testimony with reference to the purchase of this car will be furnished by Robert Donley, page 52, and Miss Ruth Winterfield, page 54.

September 1-12,  
1934  
Page 8

On September 1, 1934 William Harrison and Harry Sawyer registered into rooms 1004 and 1005 at the El Comodore Hotel, Miami, Florida. Harrison had been acquainted with Adams for approximately five years prior thereto. These parties remained in these rooms until September 12, 1934. It was during this period that large quantities of Bremer ransom money were exchanged by Cassius McDonald in Havana, Cuba. McDonald was a frequent visitor during this period to the rooms of Harrison and Sawyer.

September 10, 1934  
Page 109

On or about this date Harrison delivered to Joe Adams a Browning Automatic Rifle with the request that it be retained by Adams until he, Harrison, returned. This date is reached by virtue of Adams' statement to the effect that Harrison delivered this gun to him about

two days before Harrison's departure from the hotel. It is noted that his departure occurred on September 12, 1934.

It is noted that on Page 110 of the summary report that Adams admits that just before Thanksgiving, 1934 he spoke to Fred Barker, who was known to him as Blackburn, about this package, asking Blackburn if he knew when Harrison would return to Miami. Adams admits that he did not tell Blackburn that the package contained a gun.

September 20, 1934  
Page 8

Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney registered at the El Comodoro Hotel under the name of J. Wagner and Mrs. Wagner of Detroit, Michigan, occupying room 1008. Upon arrival Karpis asked for Adams who was then absent from the hotel. About an hour and a half or two hours later Adams called Karpis. Adams declares that Karpis introduced himself as a friend of Cassius McDonald. Adams arranged for the purchase of tickets via boat for Karpis and Dolores Delaney to Havana, Cuba. On the night of September 20, 1934, Karpis delivered to Adams the keys to the Ford Coupe mentioned above and stated that "the owner or Willie Harrison would come down and get the car. He said that if I wanted to use it that it would be O.K. and that if Harrison or the owner didn't come for it I could sell it".

September 21, 1934  
Page 10

Karpis and Dolores Delaney left Miami, Florida for Havana, Cuba. Upon taking their departure Adams addressed Karpis as "Ray" at which time Karpis introduced Dolores as his wife.

September 29 -  
November 7, 1934  
Page 8

On this date Fred Barker in the name of T. C. Blackburn, and Harry Campbell in the name of G. L. Summers, registered at the El Comodoro Hotel, occupying room 811. On October 6, 1934 they were transferred to room 1005. It is noted on page 111 of the summary report that, according to Adams, when Fred Barker registered as Blackburn he advised Adams that McDonald had sent him to the El Comodoro Hotel. They registered as having come from St. Charles, Illinois. Blackburn and Summers registered out of the hotel on November 7, 1934.

September 30 -  
November 7, 1934  
Page 8

On this date Kate Barker, using the name of Mrs. G. E. Ryan of South Bend, Illinois, registered into room 907 of the El Comodoro Hotel where she remained until November 7, 1934. On October 6, 1934 Kate Barker was transferred from room 907 to room 1004.

October 16, 1934  
Page 70

On this date Nathaniel Heller directed a cablegram to Joe Adams which is quoted as follows:

"When does party expect to come over.  
Have you heard from Willie. Answer collect."

Heller  
Parkview Hotel

This cablegram appears to have been paid in cash at the Hotel Parkview, Havana, Cuba.

October 18, 1934  
Page 71

On this date Nathaniel Heller sent a cablegram to Adams at the El Comodore Hotel, Miami, Florida, which stated -

"Can Willie come tomorrow. Heller"

This cablegram was paid in cash at the Hotel Parkview, Havana, Cuba.

October 25, 1934  
Page 71

On this date Joe Adams sent a cablegram to Mr. Heller, Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba, which is quoted as follows:

"Ryan arrives Thursday plane. Adams"

In connection with this cablegram, page 235 of the summary report, points out that Miss Ines Stowe, Pan-American Airways, can produce records showing that on October 25, 1934, Mary Ryan purchased ticket No. AR35502 for transportation from Miami to Havana. She can produce further records showing that on October 30, 1934, Mary Ryan travelled from Havana to Miami, using the return portion of ticket No. AR35502.

November 2, 1934  
Page 71

On this date it is shown that Heller directed a cablegram to Joe Adams stating -

"Did anyone come over, if not, when. Answer immediately collect. Heller"

This cablegram was paid in cash and appears to have been charged to room 408 of the Hotel Parkview. Page 158 of the summary report shows that an examination of the books and records of the Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba, reflected that Alvin Karpis was occupying room 408 of the Hotel Parkview, Havana, Cuba, on November 2, 1934.

November 6, 1954  
Page 48

On this date Joe Adams telephoned and communicated with Carson Bradford with reference to the renting of the Bradford home at Oklawaha, Florida to an elderly woman and her two grown sons. Likewise on this date Bradford while at the El Comodoro Hotel received from Adams \$150.00 in rental money which was to constitute the rent for the first and last months. It appears that this was definitely the date on which the renting of the Bradford property was actually consummated. This conclusion is reached in view of the above and in view of the further fact that Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Kate Barker, registered out of the El Comodoro Hotel on November 7, 1954. The further conclusion is reached that the said parties moved to Oklawaha on November 7, 1954.

November 10-15,  
1954  
Pages 88 and 89

On an unidentified date between the above mentioned dates, Adams advised Fred Barker that he was going to Tennessee at which time Barker requested Adams to purchase him some license plates. He furnished Adams with the appropriate description of his car. While at Etowah, Tennessee Adams prevailed upon a friend, Harry R. Cook, to purchase the said plates. These plates were actually purchased on November 16, 1954 as is shown on page 97 of the summary report. This same information is borne out in the signed statement of Adams appearing on page 112 of the summary report.

November 14, 1954  
Page 212

On this date Dolores Delaney, using the name of Dolores Wagner, and Nathaniel Heller, using the name of Nat Heller, embarked at Havana, Cuba for Key West, Florida on the SS Cuba, occupying state-rooms 240 and 216, respectively. Records



to this effect can be produced by Joseph H. Wallace, District Manager, Immigration and Naturalization Service, whose testimony will be found on page 236 of the summary report.

The records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that on November 14, 1934, E. H. Heller registered into room 1004 and registered out on November 20, 1934. The records likewise show that Dolores Delaney as Mrs. E. H. Wagner, City, registered into room 1005 on the said date.

November 18, 1934  
Page 8

Dolores Delaney in the name of Mrs. E. H. Wagner, registered out of room 1005 of the El Comodoro Hotel. On the same date, using the name of Dolores Wagner, she returned to Havana, Cuba via Pan-American Airways on ticket No. AR55884. This information is found on page 235 of the summary report.

November 18, 1934

At about 9:00 o'clock A. M. on this date Special Agents E. C. Falkner and E. C. Douglas registered into rooms 917 and 1001 of the El Comodoro Hotel. Their purpose in being in the hotel was to observe Duke Randall to ascertain whether he contacted any members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Mr. Falkner maintained a surveillance of the lobby from the time of registering into the hotel until about 1:00 P. M. of November 18, 1934, at which time he was relieved by Mr. Douglas and returned to his room. He returned to the lobby to relieve Mr. Douglas at

*Handwritten notes:*  
Heller registered into room 1004 on Nov 14-34 and registered out on Nov 20-34.  
Dolores Delaney (as Mrs. E. H. Wagner) registered into room 1005 on Nov 14-34 and registered out on Nov 20-34.  
E. C. Falkner registered into room 917 on Nov 18-34 and was relieved by E. C. Douglas at 1:00 P. M. on Nov 18-34.  
E. C. Douglas registered into room 1001 on Nov 18-34 and returned to his room at 1:00 P. M. on Nov 18-34.

approximately 6:00 P. M. on the said date. The said Agents remained in the hotel until approximately 8:00 o'clock P. M. on November 18, 1934 when they registered out.

November 18, 1934

On this date either during the afternoon or the early evening hours, Special Agents Clarence Hurt and C. G. Campbell registered into the El Comodoro Hotel, the identity of the rooms not being recalled, but were situated on the 11th floor. Their purpose was to observe the activities of Randall and Codomo. These Agents did not maintain a strict and continuous surveillance of the hotel or the lobby. They made only casual observations. They registered out of the hotel at about noontime on November 21, 1934 when they registered into the LaSalle Hotel at 844 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida. While registered at the El Comodoro Hotel these Agents interviewed L. E. Gray, Assistant Manager, with reference to Codomo and Randall but made no inquiries with reference to the Karpis-Barker gang and in no way associated Codomo or Randall with that gang. No photographs were shown to Gray on this occasion and the first occasion on which photographs were shown to Gray was on January 15, 1935.

November 21, 1934  
Page 74

On this date Joe Adams sent the following telegram to F. C. Blackburn, Carson Bradford Bone, Oklawaha, Florida.

"I have been sick stop papers will start today sorry of delay stop mailing plates today stop thanks for fish, did enjoy them so much stop regards to all - Joe Adams"

November 25-25, 1934  
Page 9

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On this date Fred Barker in the name of T. C. Blackburn of St. Charles, Illinois, and Kate Barker in the name of Mrs. Ryan of St. Charles, Illinois, registered into rooms 904 and 905, respectively, of the El Comodoro Hotel where they remained until November 25, 1934.

November 23 & 24, 1934  
Page 84 and 85

On this date William Milton Johnson, a bellboy of the El Comodoro Hotel, who had previously been employed by Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Florida, wrote a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, Oklawaha, Florida. This letter was actually dated on November 23, 1934. The pertinent portion thereof is quoted herewith as follows:

"Mr. Adams has been away and has been ill, and that is the reason he has not sent the papers, but no doubt, by this time, you have received them".

This letter was mailed at Miami, Florida at 7:50 P. M. on November 24, 1934. It was written on a typewriter and was signed in the handwriting of Johnson as W. M. Johnson.

November 25, 1934  
Page 9

Fred Barker as T. C. Blackburn and Kate Barker as Mrs. Ryan, both of St. Charles, Illinois, registered out of the El Comodoro Hotel where they had occupied rooms 904 and 905, respectively.

November 25 or 26,  
1934  
Page 36

On one of these two dates Mr. L. W. Thomas first spoke to Joe Adams and E. T. Knight with reference to the renting of his home in Miami. It will be remembered that this is the home located at 1121 85th Street, N. E., Miami, Florida, which was rented by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney in the name of Green on December 12, 1934.

November 25, 1934  
Page 9

On this date Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, using the name of G. F. Summers and wife, registered into the El Comodoro Hotel, occupying Room 905. They remained in this room until December 11, 1934, when they checked out of the said hotel.

November 28, 1934  
Page 57

Fred Barker and Kate Barker, using the names of T. C. Blackburn and Mrs. G. E. Ryan, ordered from the Krueger Florist Company, Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida, two dozen chrysanthemums to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

November 29, 1934

On this date Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette were occupying Room 905 at the El Comodoro Hotel. Wynona has informed that papers were being sent up to their room by Joe Adams. She recalls that one of the papers, which was issued in Chicago, carried the photograph of Alvin Karpis.

An examination of the files of the Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois, disclosed that

there appeared in the One Star Final (Home) Edition of the Chicago Tribune on page two on November 29, 1934, a bust photograph of Alvin Karpis under the caption "With Nelson?". The statement underneath this photograph mentions that Alvin Karpis, St. Paul gangster, may have been the companion of Nelson in the battle with Federal Agents at Barrington, Illinois. It is to be noted that former Special Agent H. E. Hollis and former Inspector Samuel P. Cowley were killed during a gun battle with Lester Gillis alias Baby Face Nelson near Barrington, Illinois, on November 27, 1934.

November 30, 1934  
Page 61

On this date a person identified as Fred Barker made a telephone call from the Oklawaha Inn, Oklawaha, Florida, to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida. During this conversation, Fred Barker complained to Adams with reference to the water and light bills which apparently had been incurred by a former occupant of the Carson Bradford home at Oklawaha, Florida. Fred Barker has been identified by Mrs. Rhoda Motley as having made the call in question. It is to be noted that Adams admitted to Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson that Fred Barker made such a call to him.

November 30, 1934  
Page 64

On this date Fred Barker brought a deer head to Mr. E. Ross Allen, Director, Florida Reptile Institute, Silver Springs, Florida, for the purpose of mounting. At that time Fred Barker ordered that when the deer head had been mounted it should be delivered to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel,



Miami, Florida. In this connection it should be stated that Joe Adams delivered to Special Agent in Charge Hanson a receipt executed by the Florida Reptile Institute, dated December 2, 1934, indicating that T. C. Blackburn, of Oklawaha, Florida, had paid \$20.00 for the purpose of having an eight point deer head mounted, to be sent to Mr. Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

December 1, 1934  
Page 134

On this date Duke Randall stopped at the Blackburn home at Oklawaha, Florida, where he gathered up a quantity of oranges and delivered the same to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel. This date is reached by virtue of the statement of Randall on page 134 of the summary report to the effect that on or about December 1, 1934, he made a trip to Quincy, Florida, and on his return to Miami stopped at Oklawaha and picked up these oranges. It is to be noted that Willie Woodbury has furnished similar information.

December 4, 1934  
Pages 157  
213  
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On this date Dolores Delaney, using the name of Dolores Wagner, left Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida, travelling via Pan-American Airways Plane NC81-V, R.O.D. This is the occasion on which Dolores Delaney fled from Cuba upon information to the effect that a G-man had been observed in the Parkview Hotel in Havana, Cuba.

December 5, 1934  
Pages 157  
238

On this date Alvin Karpis, using the name of Edward W. Wagner, embarked at Havana, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, sailing on the S.S. Cuba, and occupying Stateroom 105. This was the occasion on which Karpis fled from Havana, allegedly upon the advice of Nathaniel H. Heller, Manager of the Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba, to the effect that a G-man had registered into the said hotel. On this trip Karpis was accompanied by Nathaniel H. Heller, who occupied Stateroom 234 on the S.S. Cuba.

The records of the El Comodore Hotel disclose that Heller, under the name of N. H. Heller, Havana, Cuba, registered in Room 1005 of that hotel on December 5, 1934, and registered out on December 7, 1934.

The records of said hotel also disclose that on December 5, 1934, individuals known as J. B. Bolton and E. H. Howe, both of Chicago, Illinois, registered in Rooms 404 and 405, respectively, of the said hotel. J. B. Bolton has been identified as Doc Barker, while E. H. Howe has been identified as Willie Harrison.

The statement of L. E. Gray (see on page 17 of the summary report) points out that he recognized Howe as being identical with Alvin Karpis. That, of course, is in error and the confusion undoubtedly lies in the fact that Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney did occupy Room 405 beginning with the night of December 5, 1934.

With reference to the registration of Doc Barker as Bolton and Harrison as Howe, the registration records disclose that they registered out of their rooms on December 13 and December 15, 1934, respectively.

Reference is made to page 214 of the summary report wherein it is shown that Dolores Delaney, upon returning to Miami, did not register at the El Comodoro Hotel on the night of December 4, 1934, but actually resided at another hotel in the vicinity, but that on the morning of December 5, 1934, she visited the El Comodoro Hotel where she came upon Willie Harrison while waiting for Adams. She has informed that when she and Harrison walked into Adams' office, he greeted her with "Hello, Dolores." He had not previously been advised of her correct name. At this meeting Dolores asked Adams if he had seen "Freddie and mother," using these names. To this Adams replied that he would try to get in touch with them for her.

On December 5, 1934, as is shown on page 215 of the summary report, Dolores Delaney drove to Homestead, Florida, in the automobile of Willie Harrison and Doc Barker, where she picked up Alvin Karpis, bringing him back to the El Comodoro Hotel. They immediately took occupancy of Room 404 which had actually been registered in the name of J. B. Bolton by Doc Barker.



December 5-8, 1934  
Page 228

According to Wynona Burdette, Adams visited Karpis, Doc Barker, Willie Harrison and the girls in Room 405 on one occasion between these dates. The girls went into the adjoining room during this conversation. The conclusion as to the correct date is reached in view of the fact that Doc and Willie registered into the hotel on December 5th and departed from the hotel on December 8th. It would appear that they departed on December 8th because information furnished by both Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette is to the effect that they departed on the same date as Kate Barker, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell arrived at the hotel. The registration records disclose that these last three named parties arrived on December 8th and that Fred Barker and Kate Barker were registered into Rooms 1004 and 1005, respectively, from which rooms they departed on December 11, 1934.

December 6, 1934  
Page 74

At 1:17 P. M. on this date, Adams sent the following message to Fred Barker, as T. G. Blackburn, c/o Carson Bradford Home, Oklawaha, Florida: "PHONE ME JOE". It is pointed out that on December 5, 1934, Dolores Delaney had asked Adams if he had seen "Freddie and mother." It is further pointed out that on the morning of December 6, 1934, Alvin Karpis went down and talked to Adams in his office. It would appear, therefore, that the telegram was sent at the instance and request of Alvin Karpis. It is noted that apparently in response to this telegram, Kate and Fred Barker and Harry Campbell proceeded to the El Comodoro Hotel at Miami, Florida, as it appears they registered at that point on December 8, 1934.

December 7, 1934  
Page 9

N. H. Heller registered out of the El Comodoro Hotel.

December 8, 1934  
Page 228

Wynona Burdette has informed that on the day Campbell returned to the hotel, which the registration shows was on December 8, 1934, Adams visited Campbell in Room 905. This would seem to be in corroboration of the statement of Bryan Bolton to the effect that Adams would visit the rooms after the boys had registered in and collect additional rentals.

On December 8, 1934, Dolores Delaney visited the office of Dr. F. O. Nichols for treatment, having been referred to same by Adams. It is to be noted that Dr. Nichols has informed that some time during the early part of December, 1934, Adams told him that he would send him a young expectant mother.

December 10 and 11,  
1934  
Page 216

Dolores Delaney has furnished the information that when Fred Barker appeared at the hotel on December 8, 1934, he brought with him fish which had been caught at Lake Weir; that a fish dinner was prepared and served in Rooms 404 and 405, which was attended by Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Dolores Delaney, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette. As a result of this fish dinner, Dolores became sick on the night of December 10th and it became necessary to call Dr. Nichols. His records disclose that he was called on the night of December 10th and attended Dolores on the early morning hours

of December 11, 1934. At the time of this call, Dolores Delaney and Karpis were still occupying Rooms 404 and 405. This would lend credence to the conclusion that they continued in these rooms from December 5, 1934, and after December 8, 1934, when Willie Harrison and Doc Barker are alleged to have departed.

December 11, 1934  
Page 225

On this date Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette registered out of the El Comodoro Hotel and moved to Oklawaha, Florida, where they remained until January 13, 1935, when they registered again into the said hotel, from which place they departed on January 14, 1935, when they commenced living with Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis at the Thomas home in Miami.

The hotel records further show that Fred Barker, under the name of T. C. Blackburn, and Kate Barker, under the name of Mrs. G. E. Ryan, registered out of the El Comodoro Hotel on December 11, 1934.

December 12, 1934  
Page 51

On this date Dolores Delaney, under the name of Mrs. S. A. Green, executed a lease for the rental of the L. W. Thomas home located at 1121 Northeast 85th Street, Miami, Florida. It is to be noted on page 56 of the summary report that Mr. Thomas has informed it was on or about November 25 or 26, 1934, that he first mentioned to Adams the possibility of obtaining a renter for his home. It is not definitely shown exactly when Karpis and Dolores Delaney took occupancy at the Thomas home, although the lease was signed on December 12, 1934. This indefiniteness arises

from the fact that they continued to occupy Rooms 404 and 405 at the El Comodoro Hotel until December 13 and 15, 1934, respectively, when it is shown that departures were made from the said rooms.

December 15, 1934  
Page 228

On or about this date Joe Adams took Alvin Karpis to Oklawaha, Florida, to visit with Kate and Fred Barker, Wynona Burdette, and Harry Campbell. This approximate date is reached by virtue of the fact that Wynona Burdette has informed that this visit by Karpis and Adams was made two or three days after they arrived at Oklawaha. The registration records of the hotel disclose that Kate, Fred, Wynona and Harry departed from the hotel on December 11, 1934. It, therefore, would be reasonable to believe that the visit of Karpis and Adams must have been made about December 15th. On the occasion of this visit Wynona recalls that Adams talked with the boys privately for several hours and then departed; that at one time during this visit Wynona overheard Adams tell Campbell and Fred Barker there were some Government men in Miami and that Barker and Campbell "had better get out of Oklawaha as the Government men might find out they were there."

December 15, 1934

Further credence is loaned to the fact that Karpis and Dolores Delaney remained at the El Comodoro Hotel until December 15, 1934, because it is shown on page 22 of the summary report under the testimony of Mrs. Agnes Gray and also under the testimony of James Grant that on December 15, 1934, a radio was sent to

Room 405, which was then being occupied by Alvin Karpis. On page 217 of the summary report it appears that Adams told Dolores Delaney and Karpis that he wanted them to remain in their rooms as much as possible and did not want them running in and out of the hotel; that to keep them company he sent them a radio.

December 16, 1934  
Page 65

About 9:00 P. M. on this date, Joe Adams telephonically called Dr. A. Hampton, Manager of the Official Physicians' and Surgeons' Exchange and Nurses' Register, with the statement that he desired to obtain a practical nurse-cook for a Mrs. Green. It was through Dr. Hampton that Adams was able to obtain the services of Terese Carmichael for Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis.

December 16, 1934  
Page 229

Wynona Burdette has stated that on the morning following the visit of Adams, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had to go to Miami for a week or more on business. The date of December 16th is reached only approximately, having proper regard to the date of December 15th on which Adams is alleged to have visited the said members of the gang at Oklawaha. The statement that members of the gang went to Miami is corroborated further by the statement of Dolores Delaney (see on page 218 of the summary report) to the effect that a few days after she and Karpis moved into their new home in Miami, Adams drove Karpis to Oklawaha because Karpis did not then own a



car. Wynona has stated that about daybreak following the visit of Adams, the three boys, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, left for Miami. The statement of Dolores Delaney on page 218 of the summary is in accord with this, wherein she states: "Alvin returned on the following day with Fred Barker and Harry Campbell." It, therefore, appears that Adams must have visited with Karpis and others at Oklawaha on or about December 15, 1934, and that Karpis returned to Miami with Fred and Harry the following day, December 16th. Wynona's statement discloses that the boys intended to be gone for a week or more. The statement of Dolores Delaney (seen on page 218) reflects that Harry and Fred remained at her home on this occasion in Miami for about five days. The fact that this trip occurred on or about that time is shown by the further fact that on December 22, 1934, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis purchased jewelry from the D. B. Sutton Jewelry Company through Joe Adams and that on December 22, 1934, Karpis engaged Duke Randall to purchase a Buick two-door coupe in the name of Leroy Morrison. Wynona, on page 229, points out that she and Kate Barker took a trip during the absence of the boys and returned on the same day as the boys returned, at which time Willie Woodbury handed them a letter inclosed in a sealed envelope, signed by Joe Adams, which, according to Wynona's recollection, instructed the gang to get out of Oklawaha and to stay out; that he was tired of warning them and that he wanted to see the boys as soon as they got back.

December 18, 1934  
Page 67

Terese Carmichael started work for Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney on this date.

December 22, 1934  
Page 99

On this date Duke Randall, using the name of Leroy Morrison, purchased a Buick sedan from the Unger Buick Company, Miami, Florida, for Alvin Karpis. The purchase price of this car was \$1,080.00. This money was furnished to Randall by Karpis in the office of Joe Adams on the same date. It is noted on page 101 of the summary report that the receipt for this car was found among the personal effects of Randall at the time of his arrest. Page 102 of the summary points out that M. S. Altmyer of the Unger Buick Company will produce books and records to show the sale of this car. Page 104 of the summary notes that Adams called Mr. A. A. Unger on or about the first part of December, 1934, telling him that he, Adams, had a prospect for the purchase of a Buick automobile. It is Mr. Unger's recollection that Adams mentioned the name of Morrison as the prospective purchaser. Page 115 of the summary points out that Adams admits having called Unger with regard to the possible purchase of a car by Blackburn.

December 22, 1934  
Page 134

On this date Randall, at the specific request of Adams, obtained certain jewelry on approval from the D. B. Sutton Jewelry Company of Miami, Florida, which was furnished to Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker in the private office of Joe Adams in the El Comodoro Hotel. After a selection had been made, Randall returned the unpurchased jewelry to the Sutton Jewelry Company.

December 25, 1934  
Pages 68  
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On this date Cassius McDonald visited Alvin Karpis where the latter was residing at the Thomas home. It is to be noted that Adams has admitted having furnished Karpis' address to McDonald on this occasion.

December 26, 1934  
Pages 118  
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On or about this date, Adams prevailed upon Randall to make a trip to Etowah, Tennessee, where the latter was to contact Harry Cook and give him \$50.00 for the purpose of having Cook forget about Adams' having engaged Cook to purchase certain license plates for T. C. Blackburn. It is shown that on December 26, 1934, Randall purchased a round-trip ticket via Eastern Airlines from Miami, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia. It would, therefore, appear that Randall commenced his trip to Etowah, Tennessee, on that date. This ticket was stamped at Atlanta, Georgia, on January 1, 1935, indicating that Randall returned to Miami from Atlanta on that date. Randall has pointed out in a statement dated January 26, 1935, that when he left Jacksonville there was some question as to whether the airplane would go through, whereupon he wired Adams as to the procedure which should be taken if the plane did not fly to Atlanta. It is shown that on December 31, 1934, Adams sent Randall a wire at the Jacksonville Airport which stated: "USE OWN JUDGMENT THE QUICKEST WAY JOE." Randall did, in fact, proceed to Etowah, Tennessee, where he gave Harry Cook \$50.00 and told him to forget about Joe Adams and the license plates. Page 120 of the summary points out that on January 1, 1935, at Atlanta, Georgia, Randall sent a wire to Adams, stating: "HAD TOUGH BREAKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT MADE IT OK MET HARRY AND EVERY-THING IS FINE LEAVING ON 6 OCLOCK PLANE WILL ARRIVE 12:05 IN MIAMI WILL MEET YOU IN HOTEL WHEN I GET IN."



December 28, 1934  
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The records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that Doc Barker, using the name of J. B. Bolton, and Russell Gibson, using the name of J. Roberts, both of Chicago, registered into Room 702, and likewise registered out on the same date. These parties were registered in by Mrs. L. E. (Agnes) Gray as commercial men.

December 29, 1934  
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On this date Adams sent a telegram to T. E. Blackburn at Oklawaha, Florida, for Cassius McDonald. Adams has admitted having written this message in his own handwriting. The message is quoted as follows: "LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY CASH."

December 31, 1934  
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According to Willie Woodbury, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell drove to Miami on the day before New Year, bearing gifts for the expected baby of Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis. It would appear that this trip may have been made in response to the wire which Adams sent for Cassius McDonald.

January 1, 1935  
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On or about this date, according to the statement of Dolores Delaney, Doc Barker and Russell Gibson visited Karpis and Dolores at their home in Miami, where they remained for approximately three days. It is more credible that Doc Barker and Gibson visited Karpis and Dolores on the night of December 28, 1934, because the registration records of the El Comodoro Hotel show that these parties registered into and out of the said hotel on that date.

January 1, 1935  
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According to Willie Woodbury, Doc Barker and Russell Gibson appeared at the Barker home at Oklawaha, Florida, where they remained for a day or two. It is to be noted that Doc Barker and Gibson returned to Chicago, arriving there on or about January 4, 1935. It is definitely known that they were in Chicago several days prior to the apprehension of Doc Barker and the death of Gibson on the night of January 8, 1935.

January 10, 1935  
Page 230

According to Wynona Burdette, on or about this date Joe Adams visited Fred Barker and Harry Campbell at Oklawaha. He remained there about four hours, during which time he talked to Fred Barker and Harry Campbell in the boathouse.

January 10, 1935  
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Buke Randall has informed that about a week before the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida, Adams called him to his office, telling him that he had a rifle which a friend had left with him and which he, Adams, did not wish found on him in case anything should happen. He showed Randall this gun, instructing that Randall should have a box made for the same. Accordingly, Randall arranged to have Lee Kane, the carpenter of the El Comodoro Hotel, make this box. When the box had been completed, Adams delivered the gun to Randall, instructing that the gun be placed in the box and that a fictitious name be inscribed on the box, which, in turn, should be checked into the checkroom of the El Comodoro Hotel.

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On this date Campbell and Wynona Burdette left the Barkers at Oklawaha and registered in at the El Comodoro Hotel, occupying Room 705 in the name of G. F. Summers and wife. They registered out on January 14, 1935. Without even remaining in the hotel on the night of January 13, 1935, Campbell and Wynona went to live with Dolores and Karpis at their home in Miami. According to the registration records it would, therefore, appear that Wynona Burdette and Campbell had lived with the Barkers at Oklawaha from December 11, 1934, to January 13, 1935, and that they lived with Alvin Karpis from the night of January 13, 1935, until the evening of January 16, 1935, on which date the shooting occurred at Oklawaha in which Kate and Fred Barker were killed while resisting arrest.

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On this date Dolores accompanied Wynona in checking out of the El Comodoro Hotel.

January 16, 1935  
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L. E. Gray was interviewed by Agents Brown, McKee and Campbell. This was the first occasion on which Gray was advised that Agents were seeking the apprehension of members of the Karpis-Barker gang. It was likewise the first occasion on which photographs of this group were shown to Mr. Gray. It was pointed out that Gray disclosed this confidential information to Mr. Wilson, manager of the dining room, who, in turn, advised R. T. Knight, the father-in-law of Adams.

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At about 3:30 P. M. on this date, Duke Randall telephonically communicated with Dolores, asking for Ray Green. When he was advised she was the wife of Ray Green, he told her to get out of town immediately. It is pointed out that during the early morning hours of January 17, 1935, while Randall was harboring Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney in his room at the Tamiami Hotel, he disclosed to Dolores that he was the one who had called her, advising her to get out of town immediately. On page 68 of the summary report it is shown under the testimony of Terese Carmichael that at about 5:00 P. M. on January 16, 1935, Dolores received a telephone call; that she and Wynona immediately commenced packing and that within fifteen or twenty minutes they departed, having placed their luggage in the car; that before leaving, Dolores told Terese she was departing for home.

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On the afternoon of this date, according to Randall, he was sitting in the hotel lobby with Adams when the latter mentioned the shooting scrape at Oklawaha. At this time Adams stated to Randall: "That's what you get for doing favors for people." He then stated: "I rented that house at Lake Weir to that old lady and her son. They must have been wanted by the police, because there was a terrible shooting match up there this morning."

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The statements of Duke Randall, Wynona Burdette, and Dolores Delaney disclose that on the night of January 16, 1935, Wynona approached Duke Randall at the money changing window of the Biscayne Kennel Club with the statement that Mr. Harrison

wished to see him. Accordingly, Randall arranged to see Karpis and Campbell between 11:30 P. M. and 12:30 A. M. that night. It was on this occasion that Randall advised these parties to go to the Danmor Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. On this occasion likewise Karpis advised Randall to obtain a one thousand dollar bill from Adams and to also get two hundred dollars for himself. The one thousand dollar bill was to be delivered to Dolores Delaney. After arrangements had been made, Randall took the girls to his room in the Tamiami Hotel where he held them out to be his sisters. They remained there during the night of January 16, 1935.

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At about 6:00 A. M. on this date Dolores gave Randall \$150.00 with which to buy tickets for the two girls to Atlantic City. At about this same hour Randall purchased these tickets at the Florida East Coast Railroad Station. At about 9:00 A. M. on this date Duke Randall obtained from Adams in his private office at the El Comodoro Hotel a one thousand dollar bill. At this time he advised Adams that he had been instructed by Karpis to obtain this money and told Adams further that he had sent these parties to Atlantic City. After receiving this one thousand dollar bill Randall arranged for the changing of the same through a clerk, Mr. A. R. Marshman, of the Tamiami Hotel. At about 9:30 A. M. on the said date Wynona and Dolores departed by train for Atlantic City.



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Randall is of the belief it was on this date that he attempted to sell the Browning automatic rifle to Merle H. Rolfe. Rolfe, however, on page 162 of the summary, states that the attempted sale occurred on January 18, 1935.

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At 3:00 P. M. on this date Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette registered at the Danmor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, in the names of Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister.

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At 1:30 A. M. on this date Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, using the names of Carson and Cameron, respectively, registered at the Danmor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

January 21, 1935  
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At about 1:00 A. M. on this date, while Duke Randall and his friend, Mary Irene "Billie" Koreen, alias Mary Goodman, were visiting the Bowery Club at Miami Beach, Florida, he was told that three attempts had been made to reach him by telephone and that he, the cashier, had been told to tell Randall there had been a shooting scrape at Atlantic City and that he should get out of town. Randall then persuaded his lady friend to call Bill Morley at the Morley Cigar Store in Atlantic City. As a result of this call she learned that there had been a shooting scrape and that two men had gotten away while the two girls had been captured.

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Randall was taken into custody by Special Agents at the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, where he was occupying Room 517.

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On this date former Special Agent R. L. Jones recovered from Gregory Codomo, at the Bowery Club, 37 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida, a Ford sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702. It is to be noted that this car was left in the possession of Duke Randall by Wynona Burdette at the time of her flight to Atlantic City. This car was owned by Harry Campbell in the name of Summers.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE CONCERNING:

JOSEPH H. ADAMS - aliases  
Joe Adams, J. H. Adams

and

HENRY "DUKE" RANDALL - aliases  
Henry Sterns, Henry Stern



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On January 17, 1934, Edward George Bremer, President (then Vice President) of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, was kidnaped at the intersection of Lexington and Goodrich Avenues in St. Paul at about 8:30 or 9 o'clock A.M. The abduction was effected by Alvin Karpis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, and others. Mr. Bremer was immediately transported from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Bensenville, Illinois, where he was held a kidnap victim until February 7, 1934. On February 8, 1934, the Bremer family paid two hundred thousand dollars for Edward George Bremer's release, the payment of the ransom being effected near Zumbrota, Minnesota. In consequence of the payment of the ransom, Edward Bremer was released by his abductors at Rochester, Minnesota, on the evening of February 7, 1934.

On May 4, 1934, the facts as to Mr. Bremer's abduction were presented to a Federal Grand Jury at St. Paul, Minnesota, resulting in a true bill of indictment charging Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, and others with conspiracy to kidnap, transport in interstate commerce and hold for two hundred thousand dollars ransom one Edward George Bremer.

A Bench Warrant was issued on May 4, 1934, for the arrest of Alvin Karpis, predicated upon the above indictment. This warrant was received by the United States Marshal at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 7, 1934, who made a non est return thereon on January 26, 1935. The original warrant was thereupon filed with the Clerk of the U. S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and is now in the possession of said clerk.

On September 1, 1934, William J. Harrison and Harry Sawyer took residence at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida, where Harrison was personally acquainted with Joseph H. Adams, manager of said hotel. Here they were joined by Cassius McDonald, who, while not taking residence in the said hotel, carried on negotiations with Harrison and Sawyer for exchange of ransom moneys in Cuba. As a result of the friendliness existing between Adams, Harrison and McDonald, the following other members of the Karpis-Barker gang registered at the El Comodoro Hotel during the fall of 1934: Alvin Karpis, Dolores Delaney, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette, Fred Barker, Kate Barker, Arthur "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson.



During this time, Joe Adams and Duke Randall performed many services which are set out hereafter in this report, amounting to harboring and concealing Alvin Karpis with knowledge of his fugitive status. As a result of these acts on the part of Adams and Randall, on February 7, 1935, a Federal Grand Jury, sitting at Jacksonville, Florida, returned a conspiracy indictment No. 4608, charging that, on or about September 1, 1934, and from said date and continuously at all times thereafter, up to and including the date of this indictment, Joseph H. Adams and Henry Randall and others, did unlawfully conspire together, with Alvin Karpis to violate Section 141 of the Criminal Code of the United States; that the said defendants, with knowledge that a Bench Warrant had been issued for the arrest of Karpis by the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota upon an indictment, dated May 4, 1934, the said defendants, well knowing that Karpis was a fugitive, conspired to harbor and conceal him.

On February 7, 1935, a Federal Grand Jury, sitting at Jacksonville, Florida, returned a second indictment, No. 4609, charging that Joseph H. Adams, Henry Randall and others, did, on December 22, 1934, unlawfully harbor and conceal Alvin Karpis, for whose arrest a Bench Warrant had been issued by the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota on an indictment returned and filed in the said Court on May 4, 1934, knowing that such Bench Warrant had been issued for the arrest of said Alvin Karpis.

Adams is presently at liberty on a \$5,000 bond; while Randall is at liberty on a \$2,000 bond.

CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT,  
District of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

This witness will be able to introduce and identify the original bench warrant with a non est return thereon which was issued for the arrest of Alvin Karpis pursuant to an indictment which was returned against Karpis and others at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934.

Duly certified and authenticated copies of the bench warrant with the non est return thereon and the above mentioned indictment are now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

MRS. FLORENCE HUMPHREY,  
417 West Catlin Street,  
Pipestone, Minnesota.

This witness will testify that on Saturday, January 27, 1934, she was employed by the F and W Grand and Silver Store at 67 Seventh Street, St. Paul, Minnesota; that on that date, about 11:30 A.M., a man called at her counter and stated that he desired three flash lights; that this man picked out three flash lights of a large reflector type and bearing the trade name "Merit Product"; that this man also purchased some "Arrow" batteries and "Eveready" batteries for these flash lights; that he also purchased from her three extra flash light bulbs; that the total amount of this man's purchases was \$3.12, and that he paid her with a five dollar bill.

This witness has positively identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis carrying number 1539, K.S.P., as being the person who purchased the three flash lights. She will advise that she appeared before a Federal Grand Jury in St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 4, 1934, at which time she testified before said Grand Jury that Alvin Karpis purchased from her at the above mentioned store the three flash lights and the accessories referred to.

ARTHUR SANDERCOCK,  
Auditor and Bookkeeper,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will state that he has been auditor and bookkeeper of the El Comodoro Hotel for the past eight years, which included the period from September 1, 1934 to January 20, 1935 and that he worked under the supervision of Mr. T. B. Knight, the owner of the hotel, up until August, 1934, when Joseph M. Adams became Manager of the hotel and that he thereafter worked under the supervision of Joe Adams. This witness

Hotel Registration Cards and the Arrival and Departure Books now in possession of the Miami Office.

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registered out as

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Delaney  
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E. M. Howe  
J. Roberts

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NOTE. The identity of the persons who registered at the El Comodoro Hotel is set out as follows:

J. Wagner  
Mrs. Wagner  
G. L. Summers  
T. C. Blackburn  
Mrs. G. E. Ryan  
H. C. Waggoner  
Mrs. E. M. Wagner  
Mrs. Ryan  
G. F. Summers and wife

J. B. Bolton  
E. M. Howe  
J. Roberts

Alvin Karpis  
Dolores Delaney  
Harry Campbell  
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Mrs. Kate Barker  
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William J. Harrison  
Russell Gibson

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NAME	ROOM	IN	OUT	REGISTRATION CARD	MOVED TO ROOM
W.J. Harrison and party of three, Cleveland, Ohio	1004 and 1005	9-1-34	9-12-34	2218	The departure record is found on Card 2957
J. Wagner and Mrs. Wagner, Detroit, Michigan	1008	9-20-34	9-21-34	2406	
G. L. Summers and T. C. Blackburn, St. Charles, Illinois. Note: On 10-20-34 these parties had an unknown guest who remained until 10-21-34.	811	9-29-34	11-7-34	-	1005 on 10-8-34
Mrs. G. E. Ryan, South Bend, Illinois	907	9-30-34	11-7-34	-	1004 on 10-8-34
H. C. Waggoner, Atlanta, Georgia.	718	10-19-34	10-20-34		
Mrs. E. H. Wagner, City	1005	11-14-34	11-18-34		

H. C. Douglas 917  
on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 34

NAME	ROOM	IN	OUT	REGISTRATION CARD	MOVED TO ROOM
H. H. Heller, Havana, Cuba	1004	11-14-34	11-20-34	8403	
T. C. Blackburn, St. Charles, Illinois.	804	11-23-34	11-25-34	—	
Mrs. Ryan, St. Charles, Illinois.	805	11-23-34	11-25-34		
G. F. Summers and wife	805	11-25-34	12-11-34	—	
H. H. Heller, Havana, Cuba	1005	12- 5-34	12- 7-34	8752	
J. B. Bolton, Chicago	404	12- 5-34	12-13-34	8728	

NOTE: This room was  
rented at \$3.00 per  
day but was immediately  
raised to \$4.00 per day  
on 12-5-34. Occupancy  
was actually taken at  
about 8:50 A.M. 12-5-34,  
hence a charge for 12-4-34  
was made.

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NAME	ROOM	IN	OUT	REGISTRATION CARD	MOVED TO ROOM
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E. M. Howe, Chicago, Illinois	405	12- 5-34	12-15-34	5727	
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NOTE: Occupancy taken  
at 5:30 A.M. 12-4-34  
according to L.E. Gray.  
On 12-5-34 the rate was  
raised from \$3.00 to  
\$6.00 per day. This rate  
was changed on 12-13-34  
to \$7.00 per day. Dolores  
returned from Cuba on  
12-4-34 - Karpis on 12-5-34  
and they remained in the  
Hotel until they moved to  
the Thomas home.

T. C. Blackburn	1004	12- 8-34	12-11-34		
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Mrs. G. E. Ryan	1005	12- 8-34	12-11-34		
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J. B. Bolton and J. Roberts, Chicago, Illinois.	702	12-26-34	12-28-34	4388 4398	
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G.F. Summers and wife	705	1-13-35	1-14-35		
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T. C. COVELL,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will advise that he was formerly a desk clerk at the above hotel; that he was employed as night clerk at the hotel from September, 1930, to November 25, 1934, when he was dismissed.

This witness has identified the photographs of Kate Barker, Fred Barker, and Harry Campbell as guests at the hotel during the fall of 1934. He will state that he remembers having seen Fred Barker and Harry Campbell playing the ball machines in the lobby of the hotel and that on several occasions he changed large coins for them, giving them nickels in exchange; that he understood the elderly woman, whom he identified as Kate Barker, was the mother of these men. He has also identified the photograph of Dolores Delaney, stating that he recalls the occasion in November when she came to the hotel, apparently with Nathaniel Heller, whom he has known for several years as a guest of the hotel; that when Delaney and Heller came to the hotel together, he gave them adjoining rooms, although they did not ask for such rooms. He has also identified the photograph of Duke Randall as a former guest of the hotel, advising that he often saw Adams and Randall together around the hotel.

The witness will identify the photographs of William Harrison and Harry Sawyer as two guests at the hotel who stayed in Rooms 1004 and 1005 in September, 1934. He will also identify the photograph of Cassius McDonald as a person who called at the hotel, asking for Mr. Harrison. He will state that he remembers this particularly because when McDonald came to the desk, he, Covell, telephoned upstairs to determine if Harrison was in his room. He will further state he recalls that these people were at the hotel in September, inasmuch as it was very shortly after Adams had taken charge of the hotel. He recalls further that these two people asked for Mr. Adams on a number of occasions. He cannot furnish the name which Harry Sawyer was using at the time when he stopped at the hotel.

This witness cannot identify the photograph of Alvin Karpis. He will state, however, Joe Adams instructed him that whenever any of the above mentioned persons stopped at the hotel, they were expected to pay good rates at all times. ||

(See report of Special Agent in Charge  
J. E. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida,  
April 23, 1935, pages 52 and 53.)

(11)

L. E. GRAY,  
c/o J. H. Gray, father,  
Statesville, North Carolina, or  
c/o Knott Hotels, New York, N. Y.

This witness commenced his employment with the El Comodoro Hotel on November 1, 1934, in the capacity of desk clerk and assistant manager and continued in such capacity until some time subsequent to January 16, 1935. He has been interviewed on numerous occasions and has furnished information which has been incorporated in two statements, both of which he has refused to sign. It is noted, however, that he is willing to cooperate and that he testified in behalf of the Government during the trial of this case at St. Paul, Minnesota, during January 1936, when Cassius McDonald, Harry Sawyer and William Weaver were on trial.

In substance he will identify the photograph of Harry Campbell as being identical with G. F. Summers who was registered at the hotel as is shown elsewhere in this report. He will advise of the registration of the Karpis-Barker gang at the El Comodoro Hotel, and will identify the photograph of Fred Barker as one I. C. Blackburn, a guest of the hotel, who was accompanied by Summers. He will also identify the photograph of Kate Barker who was known to him as Mrs. Ryan, who likewise lived at the hotel under the registration shown elsewhere in this report and who was in association with Fred Barker and Harry Campbell. He will identify the photograph of Alvin Karpis whom he knew as Wagner, a resident of the hotel. He will likewise identify a photograph of Dolores Delaney as having been a resident of the hotel; that this woman appeared to be pregnant at the time she remained at the hotel; that he noticed her in the dining room of the said hotel on several occasions and once in company with Nathaniel M. Beller, proprietor of the Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba.

The above information is found on page 5 of the report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935.

The substance of the information expected from Gray was incorporated in the form of a statement which was given by him to Special Agent L. A. Nichols, but which statement Gray refused to sign.



L. E. GRAY,  
c/o J. H. Gray, father,  
Statesville, North Carolina, or  
c/o Knott Hotels, New York, N. Y.

Subpoena served on L.E. Gray at Ashville,  
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February 20, 1935.

The substance of the information expected from Gray was  
incorporated in the form of a statement which was given by him to  
Special Agent L. B. Nichols, but which statement Gray refused to sign.

It is to be noted however that Gray has already testified in St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to the facts contained in said statement and may be expected to again so testify for the Government. This unsigned statement is quoted herewith as follows:

Miami, Florida,  
February 2, 1935.

I, L. E. Gray, make the following voluntary statement to L. B. Nichols, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

On November 5, 1934, I started to work as a Desk Clerk at the El Comodoro Hotel. Around the latter part of November 1934 or the middle part of November Special Agent Campbell after registering at the Hotel came to me and made inquiries about Duke Randall, who was then residing at the Hotel. Campbell was accompanied by his roommate Mr. Burt. I did not know anything about Randall then and could give them no information other than that he lived at the Hotel. I do not recall that they showed me any pictures of the Barker-Karpis gang, or that they made inquiries about them. This was the only time that they talked to me about anyone, except that they did make inquiries about Gregory I. Codomo. I was not impressed by the agents on this occasion as to the seriousness of the importance of the case, otherwise, I would have been on a closer lookout for the gang.

I do not recall anyone making further inquiries about the gang until Wednesday night January 16, 1935 when Agents Campbell and McKee registered at the Hotel after the shooting at Ocala, Florida. These men stated that they would like to see me later in their room and talk to me confidentially. I later went to their room, at which time Special Agent Brown was present. They showed me several pictures and I recognized the picture of Harry Campbell as having registered at the Hotel as Summers a few days previous; the picture of Kate Barker as being Mrs. Ryan who staid at the Hotel for some time and Fred Barker as I. G. Blackburn, who also stayed at the Hotel, however, I cannot recall ever having identified the picture of Karpis as living in the Hotel, however, I believe that I have seen him around the lobby.

I first saw Blackburn and Mrs. Ryan on November 23, 1934 when they registered at the Hotel; I also saw Summers about that

time with his wife whom I cannot identify. I told Agents Campbell and McKee that I had seen the above people and that their movements aroused my curiosity, but that their business was always a mystery to me. |||

On this same night Mr. Brown asked me to assist them in locating the people whose pictures were shown to me, and that I would be rewarded for any information or assistance that would lead to their apprehension. Later that night I mentioned this conversation with agents to Mr. Wilson, Manager of the Dining Room and Bar of the Hotel, and Wilson advised me to see Mr. Bob Knight, about the inquiries made by agents. I told Wilson that the agents were stopping in the house and he told Mr. Knight,

At about 1 A. M. that night (1/17/34) I went to Mr. Knight who had already been informed by Wilson of my conversation with agents. I told Mr. Knight that I thought the Government had connected Mr. Adams with the gang's activities in Miami, Fla., and that I thought that Mr. Adams should know that the agents had connected him with the gang's activities in Florida, as I thought that Mr. Adams knew them only as hotel guests. Mr. Knight suggested that I wait until morning to tell Mr. Adams.

On the following morning (Thursday, 1/17/35) I saw Mr. Adams, but since he did not mention the matter to me, I presumed that either Mr. Knight or Mr. Wilson had already seen him and hence I did not discuss my conversation with the agents with him. When discussing the conversation with Mr. Knight, I told him in detail what the agents told me. At which time Mr. Knight stated that he did not know how I could furnish any information as he was sure that Joe Adams could furnish no information about the gang and had no contact with them.

On Thursday night Mr. Brown came to the Hotel and since I had talked to Messrs. Knight, Wilson and Adams after the agents had asked me to keep their inquiries confidential, I did not wish to place myself in a position where they could contact me again, and I did not go over to where Mr. Brown was sitting, but remained behind the Hotel Desk. I was not sure that Brown had come to the Hotel to see me, however, I presumed that he waited in the lobby to see me. Before he left he came by the desk and cordially spoke to me in passing.

"On Friday night January 18, 1935, Mr. Brown came to the Hotel again, and sat down in the lobby along side of me, and after a few words not relative to the matter above, Brown asked me if I had any information, and I suggested that we take a walk, at which time I stated to Agent Brown, after he asked, 'I suppose that you have talked to Mr. Adams', that I had talked to Mr. Adams, Mr. Brown did not comment on this, I then told him that I desired that he talk to Mr. Adams personally, at which time Mr. Brown stated that he would arrange to have an Agent interview Mr. Adams the following day. I also told Mr. Brown, that I had secured certain information concerning Mr. Adams' financial status which led me to believe that he was not receiving money from the gang, as he did not indicate in his business affairs that he was receiving any money from outside sources.

Mr. Adams has never questioned me about my conversation with the agents, and our remarks concerning this conversation have been more or less fragmentary. I do not know whether Mr. Adams has been informed of my conversation with Mr. Knight and Mr. Wilson, regarding what I told them concerning inquiries made by Special Agents.

While members of the gang were staying at the Hotel, I did not see them contact anyone connected with the Hotel and I knew them only as hotel guests, and in my first conversation with the above-mentioned agents, I told them that I had at no time seen them with Joe Adams and did not know that he knew them other than as hotel guests.

On one occasion I did see Mrs. Wagner, in the Dining Room of the Hotel, at which time she was dining with M. H. Meller, who made at least two visits to the Hotel in December.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of pages 1, 2, and 3, and it is true to my best recollection.

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Witness:

L. B. Nichols  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala."

The original of this statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

The above statement is referred to on pages 96 through 99 in the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935.

On April 12, 1935, at Miami, Florida, another unsigned statement was obtained from L. E. Gray which is quoted herewith as follows:

Miami, Florida,  
4/12/35

I, L. E. Gray, wish to make the following voluntary statement to S. K. McKee and J. H. Hanson, Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Since Nov. 5, 1934, I have been employed at the El Comodoro Hotel in the capacity of utility clerk, day room clerk and as an Asst. to the Manager.

Shortly after my arrival, Duke Randall and Gregory Codomo registered at the Hotel. Mr. Jos. Adams, the Manager, advised me that these two men were complimentary guests. About this same time Mr. Adams with his wife left for a visit to Adams' home in Tennessee.

I recall that Nathaniel Heller, Mgr. of the Paraview Hotel in Havana, and the girl whose photograph I am told is Delores Delaney, were guests at the El Comodoro for several days in the middle of Nov. 1934. The Delaney girl was using the name of Wagner. I had never seen her before. I saw them together a few times and on one occasion Heller expressed a wish to me that he had a car as he and the Wagner girl wanted to look at some apartments and houses. I loaned Heller my Oldsmobile Sedan and I know that he and Mrs. Wagner used for 2 or 3 hours one day, the date being after they had been in Miami for 2 or 3 days. I also recall that I saw Heller and the Wagner woman eating together in the dining room at the El Comodoro about this same time. On the same day Heller borrowed my car, Heller asked me if Mrs. Wagner could use it alone. As I recall he told me that she wanted to look at some furniture. I told Heller that she could use it.

I recall that sometime in November, during the latter part, Messers. Hurt and Campbell who told me that they were Special Agents in the U. S. Dept. of Justice make inquiry of me as to the identity



of Duke Randall and Gregory Codomo. They also inquired as to the Ford Coupe that Randall was driving I gained the impression from Messers Hurt and Campbell that they were checking on a stolen car. A few days later I spoke to Randall about this inquiry and he said 'I know about those fellows. They are a couple of detectives from Jersey and they are after a friend of mine.' I knew that Randall had received phone calls from a friend at the Graystone Hotel in Miami so I asked him if it was that friend. He replied to the effect that it was another friend saying also that the officers had followed him on one occasion to his girl's house.

I also recall that on Dec. 5th, 1934 I registered two men vis. E. E. Howe and J. E. Bolton in room 405. I have identified the photograph of Alvin Karpis as that of the man who used the name of Howe and the photograph of Doc Barker as that of the man using the name of Bolton. This latter man paid the bill when they checked out on the 8th of Dec. These men checked into the Hotel, as I recall, about 3:30 A. M. on the 5th for which reason they were charged with the use of the room for the night of Dec. 4th. Later on that day, they arranged to get the adjoining room, viz. #404. I did not know that a woman was sharing one of these rooms until about Dec. 8th when about 8:00 A. M. I received a telephone call from room 405 asking that a physician be sent to the room. A man was talking on the phone. I then called the residence of Dr. Hall, one of the house physicians, and a woman there told me the doctor would come over at once. Very shortly a young doctor whose name I don't know and who I later learned was an assistant to Dr. Hall called at the Hotel and went to room 405. In a little while the man in room 405 telephoned back saying that he wanted to speak to Mr. Adams. I told him that it was then 3:30 A. M. and that I didn't like to disturb Mr. Adams at that hour. The man then said that he wanted a doctor for some female trouble, that he did not want a young doctor but wanted a settled one saying also that Dr. Nichols had been recommended to him. I then told him that I would call Dr. Nichols who is one of the hotel physicians which I did. In a short time Dr. Nichols came to the Hotel saying that he was going to room 405. He was up there a few minutes and when he came down he mentioned to me that the woman was suffering from indigestion. I recall seeing Dolores Delaney around the Hotel at this time but I did not see her with either of the men who had checked into the Hotel in 404 and 405. I recall that these two men checked out of 404 and 405 on Dec. 8th but when I returned to work again that day, I learned from the records that the men had come back and were assigned to the same rooms.

"I also recall registering E. H. Heller of Havana, Cuba, on Dec. 5th 1934 assigning him to room 1005. He stayed at the Hotel for a few days, but I did not see him with Dolores Delaney or the 2 men in 404 & 5 on that occasion.

I recall having seen the persons who I am told are Kate Barker, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell in the El Comodoro Hotel on several occasions in November and December.

During the time these people were at the Hotel I wondered who they were because they stayed in the rooms so much, also because they had many meals sent to their rooms and were always calling for the bell boys. I recall that I asked Sanderecock who they were and he said they were friends of Mr. Adams.

I also recall that in December 1934 we had a guest at the Hotel named E. Harold Brown with the West Disinfectant Co., of New York. A telegram came to the Hotel addressed to E. H. Brown. I placed it in the box of E. Harold Brown. The next day I overheard E. Harold Brown speaking to Mr. Sanderecock asking him why his message had been delayed. I recall one of the bell boys had returned the message saying that it did not belong to room 405. Some one, just who I don't know, had instructed me to send mail for Mr. E. H. Brown to room 405.

I recall that on the day of the shooting at Oklawaha, Fla., I read in the papers of the deaths of Kate and Fred Barker. I read that they were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping, also that Karpis was wanted for this same crime. About 7 PM that evening Special Agents Campbell and McKee checked into the El Comodoro. They asked me to come to their room when they told me that they had just arrived from Oklawaha, Fla. They showed me photographs of Kate, Fred and Arthur Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Harry Sawyer, Willie Harrison, Volney Davis, Wynona Burdette and Bryon Bolton. They explained that all of these people were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping and were members of the Karpis - Barker gang. They asked me if I had seen any of them around the El Comodoro. I identified the photographs of Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette as former guests. I also told these Agents after they described Dolores Delaney to me saying that she was pregnant that I believed that she had also been a guest and that I had seen her in the company of Nathaniel Heller from Havana, Cuba, and that I believed she had made a trip to Havana with him. At this time I identified Kate Barker as Mrs. Ryan, Fred Barker as T. C. Blackburn, Harry Campbell as a Mr. Summers. I was

Unable to recall under what name Karpis had stopped at the Hotel and told the Agents he had not been there for 4 or 5 weeks. I also told them that Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette had checked into the Hotel 2 or 3 days before under the name of Mr. & Mrs. Summers. I also told the Agents that Mr. Wilson had told me earlier that evening that he had seen the pregnant girl on the previous day. The Agents then said that they would see me later that evening.

About 10 PM that night I again went to the room of Special Agents McKee and Campbell, at the request of Special Agent R. B. Brown. All of us then again discussed the Karpis - Barker crowd and the fact that they were wanted for the Bremer kidnaping. At this time I had with me registration cards for Summers, Blackburn and Mrs. Ryan. I told the Agents there were other registration cards but it would take some time to get them. The Agents at this time told me there was a reward that would be paid for the apprehension of Karpis, and the others who had not been apprehended. The Agents also told me that they had information that linked Joe Adams with the activities of the Karpis - Barker gang and that they did not dare to go to Adams himself for information as to these people. They asked me to try to find out where the members of the gang were staying in Miami. I told them I would try to find out and let them know. They also asked me to treat their inquiry confidentially.

After talking to the Agents I worried about this matter and thought that Mr. Adams should be advised. When he didn't return from the Dog Track, I spoke to Mr. Wilson saying that there was something that was worrying me and that I would like to speak to him in his room. This was about 12:30 or 1 AM on the 17th of January. In Wilson's room I told him there were two Federal officers in the house, that they had questioned me about the activities of the Karpis-Barker crowd who were wanted in the Bremer kidnaping and that they had linked Mr. Adams with the activities of the gang. I told him the officers had shown me photographs of the gang and that I recognized some of the gang as persons who had stopped at the Hotel. Wilson then wanted to speak to Mr. Knight about this which I didn't want to do but he did so within a few minutes after I had talked to him. Mr. Knight and Wilson talked alone in Mr. Adams' office. Knight then asked me if it was right that the Federal men had said Adams was connected with the Karpis-Barker crowd. I replied that they had said so and Mr. Knight said it wasn't true and that Joe didn't know who they were. He said the whole thing was absurd.

**Witnessed:**

A. K. McKee  
J. M. Hanson

Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice.



The original of this statement has now been obtained  
and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. L.  
Manson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida,  
April 23, 1935, pages 29 through 33)

*subscribed*

MRS. AGNES GRAY,  
Former Telephone Operator,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.  
To be located through  
Mrs. J. H. Gray,  
Statesville, North Carolina or  
through her husband, L. E. Gray,  
Knott Hotels, New York, New York.

This witness will state that she was employed as a telephone operator at the El Comodoro Hotel from November 15, 1934 to March 15, 1935 and that she also did some work behind the desk. She will be able to identify only the photographs of Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette as having been residents at the said hotel; she will state that she recalls Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette and others of their group generally occupying Rooms 404, 405 and 1004 and 1005 and that during December of 1934 Joe Adams asked her if he could borrow her radio to send to a room; that she permitted him to do so and she subsequently learned from one of the bell boys that the radio had been delivered to Room 405.

NOTE: In connection with the testimony of this witness, reference should be had to the testimony of James Grant, who admits having delivered this radio to Room 405 on December 15, 1934. Reference should also be had to the bell boy records which show that this radio was delivered to Room 405 on December 15, 1934 at about 5:30 P.M.

*subscribed*

This witness will also state that she remembers that sometime in December of 1934 a party telephoned to the El Comodoro Hotel, asking to speak to a Mrs. Green; that Miss Covington, the telephone operator, informed the party calling that there was no Mrs. Green registered at the hotel; that this party calling then replied that she knew Mrs. Green was stopping at the hotel as she had talked to her that day, that Mrs. Green



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Subpoena served on Mrs. L.E. Gray at Asheville,  
N.C. on 4-22-37. Her husband is manager of  
the Battery Park Hotel at that point.

*Note p 60 - find out whether  
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*See Mrs. Thomas*

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that there was no Mrs. Green registered at the hotel; that this  
party calling then replied that she knew Mrs. Green was stopping  
at the hotel as she had talked to her that day, that Mrs. Green

wanted to rent a house and that she was anxious to get in touch with her on the telephone. The witness will state that Mr. Adams walked by the switchboard at this time and instructed Miss Covington that Mrs. Green was in Room 405 and that Mrs. Green's name should be placed in the telephone rack as being a guest at the hotel.

This witness will further advise that during December of 1934 she registered two individuals under the names of J. B. Bolton and J. Roberts; that she recalls at the time she registered these two men she asked them if they were commercial men and that they replied in the affirmative and for that reason she quoted them rates of \$2.00 per day per person; that on the same day, Mr. Joe Adams checked the rack showing the names of the guests registered, which also showed their rates, which was a duty that Mr. Adams personally carried out, and when Adams noticed these two registrations he asked who had registered these two men and she informed that she had, whereupon Adams stated that they were not traveling men and that they were not entitled to the commercial rate.

NOTE: The registration records of the El Comodore Hotel show that J. B. Bolton and J. Roberts registered in on December 28, 1934 and registered out on the same date.

Reference should also be made to the testimony expected of Wynona Burdette and Dolores Delaney, which will show that "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson were in Miami, Florida at this time.

Mrs. Gray will state that because of the fact that the occupants of Rooms 404 and 405 and 1004 and 1005 frequently called the desk for bell boy service and had meals sent to their rooms, she wondered who these people were and will state that she asked Mr. Sandercock what these people did. She will state that it is her recollection that Sandercock stated these people handled used automobiles.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 25, 1935, pages 40 to 42)

JAMES GRANT,  
541 Northwest Second Avenue,  
Miami, Florida.

With regard to the residence of members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the El Comodoro Hotel, this witness has submitted two signed statements, the first of which is quoted herewith as follows:

"April 11, 1935,  
Miami, Fla.

I, James Grant, age 39 years, address Mary Elizabeth Hotel, 7th St. & 2nd Ave. N.W. Miami, Fla. make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agents S. K. McKee and J. M. Hanson, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice:

From the early part of January 1935 I have been bellboy No. 10 at the El Comodoro Hotel. From August 1934 until January 1935, I was Head Bellman at the El Comodoro.

The photographs of Wm. J. Harrison and Harry Sawyer which have been shown to me appear to be those of two men who occupied rooms 1004 and 5 last fall and who I waited on at that time. I recall that the heavier of those two men who I have been told is Sawyer stayed in his room a great deal of the time. These men were at the Hotel for a least a week.

I am unable to identify the photograph of the man who I am told is Cash McDonald.

I also recall that during the fall and winter of 1934 persons whose photographs I have identified and who I am told are Kate Barker, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell stopped at the El Comodoro in rooms 1004 and 1005. I waited on these people many times. They also were seen by me in the lobby many times.

The photographs of the man who I am told is Alvin Karpis looks like the man I waited on in room 400 in December 1934. I recall on one occasion when the desk ordered me to take a radio to his room that he was wearing dark glasses for which reason I can't positively identify him. I never saw him in the lobby.

I recall that all of the people mentioned above remained in their rooms a great deal of the time. I served them meals in room 1004 and 5 on a number of occasions.

I am unable to identify the photographs of the other people who have been shown to me except that of Duke Randall who I knew as a guest at the Hotel last fall. I never saw him with any of the people whose photographs have been shown to me.

I also saw Mr. Jos. Adams in a new Ford Coupe on several occasions last winter.

I never saw Mr. Adams with any of the people whose photographs I have identified except that occasionally they talked to him at the desk.

Witnesses:

/s/ J. Grant.

J. H. Hanson  
S. K. McKee  
Special Agents  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice."

The original of this signed statement is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 25, 1935, pages 46 and 47).



The witness has submitted the following additional signed statement:

"Miami, Fla.  
Mar. 29, 1934.

I, James Grant, hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to E. B. Donaldson known to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No threats or promises of any kind have been made to me to cause me to give this statement.

During the last three months of 1934 I was employed as head bellman at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Fla. During the month of December, 1934, I was ordered to take a radio to room 405. My first knowledge that this radio was to be delivered to this room came from one of the bell boys then on duty. I do not recall which boy told me this, neither do I know who gave him such order or instructions. I had Milton Johnson assist me and we got the radio out of the hotel check room. It is my thought that the radio belonged to Mr. L. E. Gray one of the hotel clerks. On going to room 405 to deliver the radio I saw a woman, who was pregnant, and a medium sized slender built man. I only saw the man from a side view. However, from photographs shown me I can identify the picture of Alvin Karpis as being a likeness of the man I saw in room 405.

I do not recall having taken or sent any papers to rooms occupied by any of the people associated with the man and woman who got the radio which was a cabinet model.

On a few occasions I have taken a radio to a guests room but in such instances the guest owned the radio or had otherwise arranged for it himself outside. Sometimes we take the lobby radio to a guests room on instructions from the office.



I have read the above statement which is written on two pages, before signing same and it is true.

/s/ James Grant.

Witness:

R. B. Donaldson - Special Agent  
F. B. I. U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Jacksonville, Florida."

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

This witness will be able to introduce and identify the bell boy records of the El Comodoro Hotel. These records are presently in the possession of the said hotel.

(See report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, March 30, 1936).

*See memo to  
R. H. Brown letter  
in summary  
report.*

GLADYS FAHRION,  
711 S.W. 5th Avenue,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with the residence of members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, this witness has submitted the following signed statement, dated at Miami, Florida, April 11, 1935:

"I, Gladys Fahrion, make this statement voluntarily to S. K. McKee and J. H. Hanson, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

I reside at 711 S. W. 5th Avenue, Miami, Florida. For about four years prior to December 5, 1934, I was employed as telephone operator and clerk at the El Comodoro Hotel, my duties consisting of taking care of the switchboard and receiving guests from time to time.

I have been shown photographs of various individuals, including Fred Barker, Kate Barker and Harry Campbell; and, I recognize the pictures of the above people as a Mr. Blackburn, a Mrs. Ryan, and a Mr. Summers, who were guests at the hotel during the fall of 1934. I remember these people quite well as I was curious to know what their business was. They did not appear to be doing anything, always seemed well supplied with money, and did not dress in accordance with the money they had. They all appeared to be friendly with Mr. Adams, the manager, and Summers and Blackburn went to his office to see him on numerous occasions. Blackburn seemed to be the spokesman for the two of them. These men spent almost all of their time either in their rooms or hanging around the hotel lobby. They went on short trips several times, one of which was to Cuba. While they were away on this trip Mrs. Ryan paid their bill and remarked that the boys were in Cuba.

On numerous occasions Mr. Sandercock, the auditor, and I remarked to each other that these people must have

been in some racket. They paid high rates and never questioned prices. The rate on the rooms occupied by Summers and Blackburn, as well as Mrs. Ryan, was fixed by Mr. Adams. On one occasion Blackburn presented a \$500.00 bill to me in payment of his bill, and when I could not change it he left the bill, telling me to leave the change for him. When I asked Mr. Knight for change for the bill he asked me where I had gotten it. I told him from the man in #1005, and he wanted to know what I knew about the man. I told him that I didn't know anything about them except that they were friends of Mr. Adams.

The photograph of Cassius McDonald has, also, been shown me. I believe I have seen this man in the hotel, but I am not sure of this.

I was dismissed from my position at the hotel by Mr. Adams for lack of cooperation. Several other employees were let go at the same time. I feel positive that Mr. Adams' reason for this action was to place some of his friends in our positions."

Signed "Gladys Fabrics"

Witnessed:

E. K. McKee  
J. H. Hanson  
Special Agents,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice"

The original of this statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 25, 1935, pages 43 and 44)



HENRY DERRO,  
642 Northwest 2nd Avenue,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will testify that he was first employed as a bellboy at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, on October 20, 1934, and that he was known as Bellboy No. 11, and that he was acting as such, in the capacity of bellboy captain, during January of 1935. He will identify Duke Randall as a former guest of the hotel and will partially identify William Harrison as such a guest. He will identify the photograph of Kate Barker, recalling that she occupied a room adjoining that of Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, whom he will identify as Messrs. Blackburn and Summers. He will state that he waited upon these people frequently and that he saw them in the lobby of the hotel on frequent occasions. He will also identify the photograph of one Wynona Burdette as that of Mrs. Summers. He will likewise identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney as being guests in Rooms 404 and 405, during December, 1934.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, page 43.)

ETHEL MOORE,  
Colored Maid,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will state that she acted in the capacity of maid, working on the fourth and tenth floors of the El Comodoro Hotel, during the fall and winter of 1934-35; that she was first employed at the said hotel in August, 1934. She has identified the photographs of Fred Barker, Kate Barker, and Harry Campbell as persons who occupied Rooms 1004 and 1005 on several occasions during the fall and winter of 1934. She has also identified the photographs of Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis as the occupants of Rooms 404 and 405 in December, 1934, and recalls that on one occasion Campbell and Wynona Burdette, whose photograph she has also identified, were in these two rooms and that she remembers Campbell gave her a 50¢ tip. She will also state that when she was cleaning up Rooms 404 and 405 during the time that Karpis and Dolores Delaney were occupying these rooms, when she came to the door of one of the rooms, the occupants would usually go into the other room and leave her alone to clean up the room, after which they would go into the room which had just been cleaned and permit her to clean the second room. She will state that the conduct of these persons was so suspicious that she reported her suspicions to the housekeeper at the hotel. She will also state that she observed a radio in Room 405.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, pages 50 and 51.)



CARL PITTS,  
911 Northwest 3rd Avenue,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness, presently employed as bellboy at Edgewater Beach Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, will state that he was employed as Bellboy No. 2 at the El Comodore Hotel from October, 1933, until January, 1935, at which time he was made Superintendent of Service. He will identify the photographs of Fred Barker and Kate Barker, whom he knew under the names of Blackburn and Ryan, and Harry Campbell, whom he knew under the name of Summers, and who occupied Rooms 811 and 1008 during the fall of 1934. He will also identify the photograph of Dolores Delaney as being an occupant of Room 408 in December, 1934. He will state that upon the occasions he waited upon Dolores Delaney, she would never let him go into the room when she called for a bellboy; further, that he never saw anybody else through the crack of the door. He will also identify the photograph of Nynona Burdette as being a guest of the hotel. He will further state that Duke Randall was a guest of the hotel in November and December, 1934, and was seen frequently around the lobby; further, that he noticed Randall was driving a new Ford coupe.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, page 80).

ROBERT DONLEY,  
Care George A. Falke Motor Company,  
17600 Detroit Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

This witness will advise that on July 19, 1934 a man giving his name as Charles Bronson appeared at the above motor company, stating he desired to purchase a Ford coupe with a black body and black wheels; that not having such a car in stock, Mr. Donley informed the individual that the car would be secured the following day, whereupon Bronson made a deposit of \$100.00, the down payment being a \$100.00 bill. Bronson gave his address as 1512 Brockley Avenue and instructed Mr. Donley to secure a license for the car and to have it ready when the car was to be delivered the following day; that as soon as the car was obtained, Mr. Donley proceeded to 1512 Brockley Avenue and there was informed by the Murphy family that no one by the name of Bronson had ever lived at that address, but he, Donley, felt that in view of the fact that Bronson had made a deposit of \$100.00 on the car he did not concern himself any further about the address which had been given him, thinking perhaps that he had marked down the wrong number.

He will also state that Bronson had given him a tip on a horse that won and paid fourteen to one. From this information which Donley received from Bronson he assumed that Bronson was either a bookmaker or a gambler. He will state that about 4:30 P.M. on July 20, 1934 Bronson called for the car and left instructions for the company to hold the bill of sale and that he would call for it later; that Bronson paid cash for the car in bills of \$10, \$20 and \$50 denominations; that two or three days later Bronson came for the bill of sale which was given to him. The photograph of Alvin Karpis has been partially identified by this witness, but he has also stated that the photograph of Fred Barker looked quite familiar, stating that the purchase was made by either one of these two individuals,

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NOTE: The above-mentioned car purchased by Bronson is described as a 1934 Ford V-8 coach, motor No. 18-1057480. It should be noted that this is the automobile which Karpis left with Joe Adams and which Joe Adams later turned over to Duke Randall, the latter purchas-

ing a 1935 Florida registration for this car. By referring to the signed statement of Joe Adams, seen elsewhere in this report under the testimony of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, it will be seen that Karpis left this car with Adams, advising that either the owner of the said car or Willie Harrison would call for it and that if neither of these parties called for it Joe Adams could sell it.

(See report of former Special Agent in Charge William Larson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 28, 1934, page 9 and also the report of former Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, page 29)

MISS RUTH WINTERFIELD,  
Bookkeeper,  
George A. Falke Motor Company,  
17800 Detroit Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

This witness will testify that on July 19 and 20, 1934 she was employed as a bookkeeper at the above motor company and she will be able to produce the books and records of said company, indicating that Charles Bronson on July 20, 1934 purchased the Ford coupe described in the testimony of Robert Donley, seen elsewhere in this report, from the George A. Falke Motor Company.

This witness will also identify the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being identical with the Charles Bronson who purchased the said car.

(See report of former Special Agent in Charge William Larson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 28, 1934, page 9 and also the report of former Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 25, 1934, page 29)

**S. F. NIXELL,**  
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,  
Tallahassee, Florida.

This witness will, upon service of subpoena duces tecum, produce Florida certificate of title No. 950615-A, application No. 53671 dated at Tallahassee, Florida, November 20, 1934, for Ford coupe, motor No. 18-1037480, which certificate of title was issued to Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida. Together with this subpoena should be issued a request upon this officer to produce 1934 Ohio certificate of title, or certificate of registration, issued in the name of Charles E. Bronson, upon which the above-mentioned 1935 Florida certificate of title was issued to Duke Randall.

**NOTE:** It is to be noted that this is the automobile which was delivered to Duke Randall by Joseph E. Adams and which was apparently obtained by Adams from Alvin Karpis. Reference is made to this automobile by Duke Randall in his signed statement dated at Miami, Florida, January 21, 1935, in which he advised that the keys and registration card for this automobile were given to him by Joe Adams, at which time Joe Adams gave him a ten dollar bill, advising him, Randall, to buy license plates for it.

It is also to be noted that Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, at the time of the arrest of Duke Randall at the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, on January 21, 1935, found among Randall's personal effects a 1935 Florida auto-



mobile registration card, indicating that Florida tag No. 88656 had been issued to Duke Randall at the El Comodoro Hotel on January 14, 1935 for a Ford coupe bearing motor No. 18-1027490, the title certificate number being 950615-A.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson,  
Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935,  
pages 45 and 46)

DR. F. O. NICHOLS,  
37 N. W. First Street,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with the treatment which Dr. Nichols administered to Dolores Delaney, he has furnished the following signed statement:

Miami, Fla.  
January 23, 1935

I, Dr. F. O. Nichols, make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

For the past 25 or 30 years I have resided at Etowah, Tenn., which is a railway town. I graduated from Vanderbilt University's Medical School in 1920 and practiced medicine at Etowah, Tenn. until up to the present time.

While in Etowah I came to know Joe Adams' mother and his two children; my acquaintance with Joe Adams until recently was only a very casual one.

Last summer Joe Adams & his wife were at Etowah and I treated him; at that time Adams told me that if and when I came to Miami to practice, he would do what he could for me in the way of sending me business.

Sometime early in December 1934 Joe Adams told me that there was a patron of the El Comodoro Hotel who he believed was an expectant mother and that he would send her to me.

On December 8, 1934 a small black haired woman came to the office and gave her name as Mrs. L. O. Woods, stating that she resided at the El Comodoro Hotel.

The next time I saw Mrs. Woods was a few days after the first visit to my office; this time I was called by the night clerk at the El Comodoro hotel and told that a patient wanted to see a doctor, this was late at night.

*not located in Miami  
Adams, if necessary, to  
be seen by  
Metcalf & Dunne  
page 37*

"On my arrival at the hotel I found that the patient was Mrs. Woods; she was having pains, but they were just indigestion pains and did not concern the expectant baby. During this visit I saw the supposed husband of this woman; when washing my hands the man handed me some disinfectant soap. I have identified this man as the Alvin Karpis on a picture displayed to me by Special Agent J. E. Hanson. I was not introduced to the husband of Mrs. Woods during the above visit.

During a visit to the office Mrs. Woods gave me her telephone number and address; telephone number was 9-1607 and address 1123 N. E. 85th St., Miami, Fla. I called the above telephone number and was informed that the people living there were named Green.

After ascertaining that Mrs. Woods also employed the name Green I spoke to Joe Adams about this and he stated that he was suspicious and was wondering whether the couple were married or not.

After Mrs. Woods became my patient Adams inquired on several occasions how the patient Mrs. Woods was getting along.

The last time I saw Mrs. Woods was on January 14, 1935; she came to the office for this visit and at that time I figured that she should go into labor between January 15 and 23, 1935.

After I found that Mrs. Woods had changed her name to Green and after the gun battle at Ocala, Fla., I was out at Joe Adams' home attending his wife who is pregnant. Adams at that time stated that 'that's what you get for trying to help someone whom you don't know who they are'; Adams appeared very upset and distracted at this time.

It is my opinion, based upon my dealings with him, that Joe Adams is honest and upright in every way.

Signed: - F. O. Nichols

Witnesses:

F. C. Dunne and L. J. Metcalf,  
Special Agents,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice.

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

See report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, pages 37 and 38.

In addition to the above, Dr. Nichols will state that a few days prior to December 8, 1934, Joe Adams telephoned him saying there was a guest at the El Comodoro Hotel who was pregnant and that he would refer her to him for medical treatment, no money being obtained by Adams at this time. He will produce his records showing on December 8, 1934, a woman came to his office giving the name, Mrs. L. O. Woods, stating that she resided at the El Comodoro Hotel, for which reason he assumed at that time she was the woman to whom Joe Adams had referred. The Doctor will also produce records indicating that during the early morning hours of December 11, 1934, he visited this woman at the El Comodoro Hotel; as he now recalls late on the night of December 10 or early in the morning of December 11, 1934, he was called by the clerk of the El Comodoro Hotel who told him that there was a guest in Room #405 who wanted to see him; that upon going to the Hotel he learned that this woman was Mrs. Woods who had called at his office as mentioned above. The Doctor will state that his records show that he again treated this woman on December 17, 1934, when she called at his office, and he believes that it was either on this date or on the date of a former treatment, to wit, December 14, 1934, that she informed him she had moved to 1123 N. E. 85th Street and that her telephone number was 9-1607. The Doctor will state that around December 17, 1934, he telephoned Mrs. Woods at the abovementioned telephone number and was advised that the Doctor was calling the Green residence; that no one by the name of Woods lived there; that he then asked to speak with Mrs. Green; that when the woman claiming to be Mrs. Green answered the telephone, he immediately recognized her voice as that of Mrs. Woods; that a day or two after this incident he met Joe Adams either on the street near the El Comodoro Hotel or the Biscayne Kennel Club and at that time Adams asked him if he was still treating Mrs. Green. The Doctor will advise that he then asked Adams what kind of a girl this woman was inasmuch as she was apparently using two names; that Adams told him he did not believe the Green's were married, and that he, Dr. Nichols, then dismissed the matter from his mind. He will state that a few days after he had spoken to Adams about this matter, he asked Adams what kind of a bill he should make the Green's for his services; that he



made this inquiry inasmuch as he wanted to determine whether the people had any money; that Adams asked him how much he figured on charging; that the Doctor told him \$150.00 would be a fair price; that Adams then asked if that was not pretty high.

NOTE: By reference to the testimony expected of L. E. Gray, it will be noted that during the early morning hours of December 11, 1934, he telephonically requested Dr. Nichols to proceed immediately to Room #405 of the El Comodoro Hotel to take care of a patient. Reference is also made to this incident under the testimony of Dolores Delaney.

For the above information see the report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, pages 24 and 25.



DR. JOHN E. HALL,  
Huntington Building,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with the medical treatment which Alvin Karpis received through Dr. John E. Hall, the witness has submitted the following signed statement:

Miami, Fla.  
January 23, 1935

I, Dr. John E. Hall, make the following statement to L. J. Ketcalf & P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

About one month ago a man giving the name of E. M. Green came to my office for treatment. I treated this man for gonorrhea infection. It is my opinion that this infection was a recurrence of an old infection.

Joe, Adams, whom I've known for twenty years, referred Green to me; Green told me that Adams had referred him to me and that if it was all right with me, he would pay me at the completion of the treatment.

About one week ago today Green came to my office for treatment, this was the last time I saw him; he at present owes me about \$110.00. The day before I last saw Green, he went fishing in the Everglades & brought me a mackerel.

Green was a courteous unassuming fellow and on several occasions asked me to go to Cuba with him. He stated that he had a Buick Sedan and home in Cuba; the home was located in Viboro which is a suburb of Havana near Marianao. I would have gone with him if it had not been my busy season.

In certain circles it is said that Adams is connected with the underworld and gambling activities.

I recognize the photos shown to me by agents as that of Alvin Karpis, known as E. M. Green to me, and Harry Campbell as the man who accompanied him to my office on several occasions.

\*Green generally had a great deal of money with him and on several times engaged in a friendly dice game with other doctors in the building.

Green generally wore glasses when he came for treatment.

Green's infection is a chronic urethritis and he'll need treatment for this condition; I treated him daily.

One time Green called Adams from my office and told Adams and me that he had to go to Ocala, Fla. on business.

Signed:-

John E. Hall

Witness:-

L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Duane  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Jacksonville, Fla.\*

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

See the report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 32 and 33.

It is to be noted that Dr. Hall has maintained no records showing the exact dates on which Karpis received treatments at his office. He has stated, however, to the best of his recollection Karpis received treatments for a period of five or six weeks prior to the time that Karpis disappeared from Miami, Florida, January 16, 1935. Dr. Hall is likewise unable to recall the time or place where Joe Adams mentioned to him that he, Adams, was sending him a man by the name of Green as a patient.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, pages 23 and 24.)

MISS IVA MAI DUNLAP,  
909 Huntington Building,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with the treatment received by Alvin Karpis through Dr. Hall, the witness has furnished the following signed statements:

Miami, Fla.  
Feb. 4, 1935

I, Iva Mai Dunlap, make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I recognize the picture of Alvin Karpis as shown to me by agents as that of E. M. Green. I have worked in the office of Dr. John E. Hall for the past 13 years.

Green was treated daily by Dr. Hall for a period of five or six weeks prior to January 14, 1935 which date was the last time that he came to the office.

Green often used the phone at the office and on two occasions I heard him call for Mr. Adams; I was unable to make out the conversation as Green talked in a low tone of voice.

Iva Mai Dunlap  
909 - Huntington Bldg.  
Miami, Fla.

Witnesses:-

P. C. Dunne & L. J. Metcalf  
Special Agents  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice

The original of this statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 34.)

MR. CARSON BRADFORD,  
3158 North Bay Road,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

This witness will state that he is the owner of the property which was occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida; that he did not personally rent this place to the Barkers; that the place had been rented by one Joe Adams; that Adams had come to him and advised that he believed he could rent the Bradford place in Oklawaha for \$75.00 or \$100.00 per month. He further advised that a smaller house located on the same property was then renting for \$8.00 per month; that previous to this time he had never on any occasion rented out his house at Oklawaha; that Adams asked him for the keys to this house and he furnished them to Adams; that he believed possibly Adams drove up to Oklawaha with the prospective tenants to look over the property; that he believes they looked at this property and made inquiry as to how many months they could use the same; that as he recalls it they paid the first and last month in advance, to wit, \$150.00, the said property being rented at \$75.00 per month. He will advise that the \$150.00 received for the rental of his house was paid by three \$50.00 bills. Bradford, when asked why he had rented this place to these parties under the circumstances, advised "the answer is, a man needs money and I took a chance".

(See report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago, Illinois, February 8, 1935, page 68)

NOTE: It is believed advisable at this point to indicate the close relationship between Adams and Bradford. Bradford has advised that he has a small interest in the Biscayne Kennel Club, Miami, Florida; that Joe Adams is also interested in the Biscayne Kennel Club, it being noted that Adams is Manager of said Club; that Adams married during the past summer and that he allowed Adams to use the said house at Oklawaha in which to spend his honeymoon. Bradford has also advised



that T. R. Knight, Adams' father-in-law, is President of the Biscayne Kennel Club and it was a well known fact that he is the owner of the El Comodoro Hotel.

It is also noted under the testimony of Mrs. Carson Bradford that her husband and Adams were formerly partners in the real estate business. This last statement has not been substantiated by investigation.

Carson Bradford furnished the following signed statement to Special Agent P. C. Dunne, at Miami, Florida on January 29, 1935 with regard to the circumstances under which he rented his house to the Blackburns through Joe Adams:

"I, Carson Bradford, make the following statement to P. C. Dunne and L. J. Metcalf, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice,

I have been a resident of Miami, Florida for about the past 14 years; prior to coming to Miami I lived at Nashville, Tennessee. For the past five years I have been interested in dog tracks handling the publicity for the same. At present I am publicity man for the Biscayne Kennel Club. I own an interest in the Biscayne Kennel Club, which after the indebtedness of the Club is paid, will amount to about 10%.

I have known Joe Adams for about 18 years having met him when I was in the show business in Nashville, Tennessee.

During the early part of November, 1934, Joe Adams called me on the telephone and asked me if I would rent my home at Ocala, Florida for \$75.00 per month; he stated that the tenants would be an elderly woman and her two grown sons. This is the first time that I ever rented my home in Ocala to anyone, but at present and for the past few years I have needed money and when I received an opportunity to realize \$75.00 per month for the house I rented it.

I never at any time saw or talked to anyone of the tenants who rented my house. I did not even know the names of the people who rented the home until sometime after they had moved into. The renting of this house was carried on solely by Joe Adams who had my permission to rent it.

After the people had moved into the house I learned from Adams that their names were Blackburne. There was some trouble over an electric light and water bill for the house but in cleaning up this matter I never at any time carried on any correspondence with the Blackburnes.

I have talked with Adams since the shooting at Ocala and he tendered me a \$1,000.00 bill for the damage done my house, which he stated belongs to 'that son-of-a-bitch' who left here. But much as I felt that I should be reimbursed for the damage done my home, I told Adams that I couldn't take that kind of money.

With regards the Duke Randall involved in this case, I will state that my acquaintance with him has been only to exchange greetings with him at the Biscayne Kennel Club at night. At one time I inquired of Adams concerning Randall and he (Adams) replied in a joing way 'he's my man'.

I have never owned or run gambling houses nor have I ever associated with gamblers.

I have been shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang by Agents, with the exception of Doc Barker I am sure that I have never seen any of them other than pictures printed in the newspapers. As to Doc Barker it seems to me that I have seen him somewhere.

I gained the impression from Adams that the owner of the \$1,000.00 bill, which he tendered me, was Alvin Karpis.

Whether Adams knew who the Blackburnes were at the time he rented my house to them, or what he found out about them after that time, I do not know. But it is my honest opinion that Adams had no idea as to who the Blackburnes were at the time he rented my house to them. This opinion is based upon my 18 years association with Adams."

Signed "Carson Bradford"

Witnesses:  
"L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne  
Special Agents,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice"

NOTE: The above-mentioned signed statement is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

Reference is made to that portion of Bradford's signed statement in which he advises that Adams tendered to him a \$1,000 bill for the damage done to the Bradford house after the shooting. It is noted that Adams, in his signed statement, has admitted tendering this bill to Bradford and has admitted that this was one of the \$1,000 bills which was left with him, Adams, by Alvin Karpis.

Under the testimony of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson seen in this report, it will be noted that this \$1,000 bill is now available for use in the trial of this case.

It is also to be noted that Adams tendered this \$1,000 bill to Bradford after he had knowledge of the fugitive character of Alvin Karpis and after he had been notified that those killed at Oklawaha, Florida were fugitives in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Carson Bradford was interviewed at a later date, furnishing a more detailed account of the renting of the property at Oklawaha to the Blackburns, through Joe Adams, and he may be expected to testify, in keeping with the information he furnished at that time, which is as follows: To the best of his recollection, it was on or about November 10, 1934 that Adams telephoned him, asking if he would like to rent his house at Oklawaha to responsible parties; that Adams stated that the parties who desired to rent the house were guests at the El Comodoro Hotel and that they were responsible; that Bradford did not get any names from Adams at this time and made no permanent record as to the date he obtained the rental money nor the date the parties renting the house were to take occupancy; that on the same date that Adams telephoned him about renting the house he had gone by the El Comodoro Hotel, at which time Adams said he had some money for him for the rental of the house.

Bradford recalled that he was given a \$100.00 bill and a \$50.00 bill by Adams, the money being given to Bradford in Adams' office in the El Comodoro Hotel; that to the best of his recollection, on the following day after receiving this money he purchased a cashier's check at the Florida National Bank for the purpose of paying some taxes, using \$125.00 of the sum received for this purpose; that he, Bradford, has now ascertained from the Florida National Bank that this check had been issued to him on November 7, 1934, for which reason Bradford concluded that it was on November 6, 1934 that Adams had telephoned to him about renting the house and that it was on that date, November 6, 1934, that the house had been rented to the people who it subsequently developed were Fred and Kate Barker. Bradford will state that on the day of the shooting at Oklawaha, which was January 16, 1935, the newspaper men began telephoning him to determine to whom he had rented the house; that Bradford said he knew nothing concerning the occupants of the house; that he had never seen them and that Joe Adams had not mentioned anything more about the house or these people other than that in the telephone conversation of November 6, 1934.

Bradford will state that on Friday night, January 25, 1935, he talked to Joe Adams and at that time Adams denied that he knew who these persons were, saying that he never would have rented the house to them if he had known their identity. Bradford will state that he recalled Adams, in trying to identify Mrs. Barker, asked Bradford if he did not recall having seen an old lady eating in the dining room on the night of the hotel opening, when a free dinner was given to all of the guests of the hotel. Bradford will state that he was unable to recall this incident. Bradford will also state that during this conversation with Adams the latter stated "I got \$1,000 off that son-of-a-bitch". Bradford will state that he concluded Adams was referring to Karpis; that he drew this conclusion, not because Adams had mentioned the name of Karpis, but that he, Bradford, had read in the newspapers about Karpis, especially concerning his escape from Atlantic City and that he had talked to numerous persons in Miami concerning these fugitives after the shooting at Oklawaha and for this reason, Karpis was in his mind at the time of this conversation with Adams.

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(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson,  
Jacksonville, Florida, April 25, 1935,  
pages 17 and 18)



MRS. CARSON BRADFORD,  
3158 North Bay Road,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

On the evening of January 18, 1935, this witness advised Special Agents T. M. McDade and G. A. Whitten that a friend of hers, Mr. Joe Adams, now Manager of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, and a former partner of Mr. Bradford in the real estate business at Miami, Florida, had told her he could secure a tenant who had a lot of money and would pay \$75.00 or \$100.00 per month rent for their property on Lake Weir, Oklawaha, Florida, if they would rent it. She then advised that they had never rented this property, but that since her husband had lost heavily in recent years, they decided to rent the place.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley,  
Chicago, Illinois, February 2, 1935, page 49)

MRS. GRACE THOMAS,  
500 N. W. 23rd Court,  
Miami, Florida.

With reference to the leasing of the Thomas property to Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis through Joseph E. Adams, Mrs. Grace Thomas has provided the following signed statement:

Miami, Fla.  
Jan. 22, 1935

I, Mrs. Grace Thomas, make the following statement to Special Agents L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Before the winter season began my husband and I decided that if we could find suitable tenants that we would rent our home for the winter season.

The latter part of October 1934 or the first of Nov. my husband and I came to Miami, Fla. from California, where we had been since spring. Shortly after we arrived my husband told me that he had spoken to Joe Adams and told him of our desire to rent our home to a reputable couple for the season.

Sometime in November Mr. Knight came to our home and stated that he understood the house was for rent. I showed Mr. Knight through the house and he seemed pleased with it. Knight gave the impression that he was interested in renting a house for someone who was a member of his family but who was out of town; I'm not sure but it is my belief that Mr. Knight came to the house on two or three occasions.

Shortly after Mr. Knight had made his visit, a Mr. S. A. Green came to the house and explained that he understood that the house was for rent and asked to be shown through. I showed Green through the house and he appeared to be pleased with it but left undecided; during this visit Green explained that he wanted a quiet location and added that his wife was expecting a baby. Green made another visit or two to the house and on the last visit told me that he was sure that he & his wife would take the house and that he would return with his wife.

"Several days before I completed negotiations with Mrs. Green for the leasing of the house, she & her husband came to the house. While Mrs. Green and I discussed the renting of the house, he walked down to the bay and did not appear interested. When the Greens left they stated that they wanted the house and would like to get possession as soon as possible, but they paid no money then.

A day or so later my husband gave me \$750.00, a great deal of which was in fives and tens; I believe I asked my husband that he see about the rent but I don't recall whether he told me at the time from whom he received the rent money.

The day Mrs. Green moved in, she and I signed a lease which my husband had had drawn up. A couple of days later Mrs. Green and I went to the bank and had our signatures on the lease notarised at the bank in Little River (Little River is a section of N. E. Miami, Fla.)

The physical descriptions of Mr. & Mrs. Green are as follows:-

<u>Mrs. Green</u>		<u>Mr. Green</u>	
Name	- Mrs. S. A. Green	Name	- Mr. Green
Age	- 20 - 22 years	Age	- 25 years
Height	- 5' 2 or 3"	Height	- 5' 10"
Weight	- 105 lbs.	Weight	- 140 lbs.
Build	- Medium	Build	- Slender
Hair	- Brown, medium, & wavy.	Hair	- Brown
Eyes	- Can't say	Eyes	- can't say, wore glasses
Complexion	- Fair	Complexion	- Tanned.

During the time the Greens were in the house I came over to the house & cared for the lawn. Mrs. Green was always cordial & treated me nicely during my visits; during my visits I only saw Mr. Green one time. I never saw any of the Greens' visitors.

When Special Agent J. H. Hanson displayed photographs I immediately identified that of Alvin Karpis as that of the Mr. Green who rented our home.

"On the afternoon of January 17, 1935 my husband and I drove by the house and looked for mail. Terese Carmichael, the maid employed by the Greens, explained that the Greens had left the day before along with another couple, names unknown, who had been staying with the Greens since the previous Sunday.

Miss Carmichael called me on January 19, 1935 and stated that the Greens had not yet returned. On Saturday, January 20, 1935, we moved back into the house; on the same date we called the police and explained all the facts about the Greens, their renting the house, their departure, etc.

When the Greens departed they left behind some men's and women's wearing apparel, also a baby's crib & bath tub, and a fishing rod & reel. No guns were left behind although Mr. Green one time showed an automatic pistol and I also saw a rifle when he returned from a hunting trip.

Signed:-

Mrs. Grace Thomas  
1121 N. E. 85th St.  
Miami  
Fla.

Witnesses:-

L. J. Metcalf & P. C. Dunne  
Special Agents,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dep't of Justice"

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

For the above information see the report of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 19, 20 and 21.

NOTE: The lease mentioned above is available and can be introduced by Mrs. Grace Thomas.



In addition to the above signed statement, Mrs. Thomas will advise that approximately two weeks after she had discussed the rental of the house with Joseph H. Adams and E. T. Knight, a Mr. Green came to the house saying that he understood the house was for rent and looked the place over thoroughly; that he did not decide to rent it at that time but within a few days he came back again with a woman whom he represented as his wife; that the two of them looked over the house but made no decision as to renting it; that she recalls they came back again within a day or two, at which time Joe Adams was with them and that she recalls that Adams remarked that the Greens had been stopping at the El Comodoro Hotel.

Mrs. Thomas will identify the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney as being a Mr. and Mrs. Green.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935.)

L. W. THOMAS,  
500 E. W. 23rd Court  
or 1121 N. E. 85th Street,  
Miami, Florida.

With reference to the renting of his home to Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney through Joseph M. Adams, the witness has submitted the following signed statements:

Miami, Fla.  
January 22, 1935

I, L. W. Thomas make the following statement to L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I have owned the residence at 1121 - 85th St. N. E. since 1931. In the early part of November 1934 I mentioned to Joe Adams that I planned on renting my home out for the season and that if he knew of a couple who wanted a house for the season to let me know.

Negotiations for the renting of my home were carried on between a Mrs. Green and my wife. I never talked with either Mr. or Mrs. Green prior to the time they leased the house as wife took care of the transaction.

My wife told me that Mrs. Green had arranged for the house and was to move in. I believe this was on or about Dec. 19, 1934. That same evening I saw Joe Adams at the Biscayne Kennel Club and told him that the renters had not arrived as yet and that I was anxious to know whether they planned on taking the house. Adams replied that the renters, Mr. and Mrs. Green, had gone away for a few days but that they had given him the season rent money to pay me. Adams then paid me the \$750.00.

The only conversation which I had with either Mr. or Mrs. Green was had a short time after they had moved into my house. At that time I talked a short time with Mrs. Green relative to the care of the house and yard.

"I recognised the photograph of Alvin Karpis, which was displayed to me by Special Agent J. H. Hanson, as that of the Mr. Green who rented my home.

The Greens were not overly friendly and from appearances did not care to have anything to do with us or strangers.

The descriptions of Mr. & Mrs. Green to the best of my knowledge are as follows:

Mrs. Green

Name - Mrs. Green  
Age - 22 years  
Height - 5' 2"  
Weight - 110 lbs  
Build - Medium  
Hair - Dark  
Eyes - Dark  
Complexion - Fair

Mr. Green

Name - Mr. Green  
Age - 25 years  
Height - 5' 10 or 11"  
Weight - 140  
Build - Slender  
Hair - Hat on, unable to ascertain  
Eyes - Shifty & wouldn't look at one  
Complexion - Sallow or tanned

My occupation at present is that of grayhound owner & racer; I have raced dogs for about three years.

I have known Joe Adams for about three or four years and raced my dogs on his track one season. Aside from the transaction in which I rented my house, I have had no business dealings with Joe Adams.

Signed:-

L. E. Thomas  
1121 N. E. 85th St.  
Miami  
Fla.

Witnesses:-

L. J. Betcalf  
Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Dept of Justice

F. G. Dunne,  
Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice."

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

For the above information see the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 23 and 24.

In addition to the information contained in the signed statement, the witness will state that it was on or about November 25 or 26, 1934, that he spoke to Joe Adams and S. T. Knight about renting his home; that he arrived at this date by recalling to mind that it was on November 14, 1934, that he and his wife left San Francisco, California, arriving in Miami, Florida, on November 19, 1934; that within a few days after arriving in Miami, he held a conference with Joe Adams and Knight with respect to the purchasing of the Biscayne Kennel Club; that on this occasion he mentioned to Adams and Knight that he would like to rent his house for the season to reputable parties. The witness will state that Adams paid him the sum of \$750.00 for the rental of the house.

For the above information see the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, pages 19 and 20.



HENRY KRUEGER,  
Krueger Florist Company,  
Silver Springs Boulevard,  
Ocala, Florida.

This witness will produce records of the Krueger Florist Company, and will advise that on November 28, 1934, a man whom he recognized as being identical with Fred Barker appeared at his florist shop and ordered flowers sent to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida; that Barker ordered two dozen chrysanthemums, paying \$6.00 for this bouquet. This witness will state that he wired the above order to the Exotic Gardens, Incorporated, Florists, Miami, Florida, and requested them to place on the card as the sender of these flowers the names "T. G. Blackburn and Mrs. G. E. Ryan", which names were given to Mr. Krueger by Blackburn. Mr. Krueger stated that this man was accompanied by an elderly lady whom he has now identified as Kate Barker.

This witness will be able to produce his original "Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association Book" for November 1934, in which is contained a carbon copy of an original telegram, reading as follows;

"November 29, 1934, 1 o'clock noon.

"Exotic Gardens, Inc.,  
Miami, Florida.

Mr and Mrs Joe Adams, El Comodoro Hotel, early Thursday  
morning one dozen yellow and white Mums, \$6.00 T. G.  
Blackburn, Mrs. G. E. Ryan.

/s/ Henry Krueger,  
F.T.D."

This witness will state that the date appearing in the telegram should properly be November 28, 1934, rather than November 29, 1934. He will also identify the handwriting appearing on the carbon copy of the message above quoted, as being his own handwriting and will advise that he personally telephoned the message in question to the Western Union Telegraph Company at Ocala, Florida, as is his custom.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, February 3, 1935, page 66 and report of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, March 24, 1936, pages 5 and 6).

**T. D. FARQUHAR,**  
Manager,  
Western Union Telegraph Company,  
Ocala, Florida.

This witness will advise that the original wire sent by Henry Krueger on November 28, 1934, to Exotic Gardens, Incorporated, has been destroyed, in keeping with the policy of that company to destroy messages every twelve months. He will produce, however, upon service of subpoena duces tecum, a carbon copy of the statement of account of Henry Krueger for November, 1934, which contains a charge of \$.42 for a message to Miami on November 28, 1934.

NOTE: T. D. Farquhar was not in the Western Union office at Ocala, Florida, during November 1934. T. P. Dobbs was in charge of that office then, but he is now in the employ of the Western Union at Kissimmee, Florida. George Meredith was the local Western Union Operator at Ocala, Florida, during November 1934, but he is presently employed by Western Union at Sarasota, Florida.

(See report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, March 24, 1936, page 4).

JAMES DONE,  
President,  
Exotic Gardens, Incorporated,  
2790 N.W. 17th Avenue,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will produce, upon service of subpoena  
duces tecum, the telegram which the Western Union Telegraph  
Company delivered to his company on November 29, 1934, which  
was directed to the Exotic Gardens, Incorporated by Henry  
Kraeger, Florist, Ocala, Florida, reading as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, El Comodoro  
Hotel, early tomorrow one dozen  
yellow and white mums six dollars  
card T. C. Blackburn - Mrs. G. E.  
Ryan"

NOTE: It is noted that this message was  
sent as a night letter and is  
recorded in the records of the  
Exotic Gardens, Incorporated, as  
No. 6196.

(See report of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons,  
Jacksonville, Florida, March 24, 1936,  
pages 6 and 7).

THOMAS DOWE,  
Manager, Downtown Branch,  
Exotic Gardens, Incorporated,  
8 N.W. North River Drive,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will, upon service of a subpoena duces  
tecum, produce a receipt for flowers, order No. 6196, which order  
was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami,  
Florida. This order was written on November 29, 1934, and the  
receipt is signed "G. Gray".

(See report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons,  
Jacksonville, Florida, March 24, 1936,  
page 7).



MRS. RHODA MOTLEY, nee MANN,  
Oklawaha, Florida.

This witness will state that during November and December of 1934, she was employed at the Oklawaha Inn, Oklawaha, Florida; that late in November Fred Barker, who was known to her as Blackburn, came into the hotel and made a long distance telephone call to Miami, Florida and identified himself to the party with whom he was conversing by calling himself "Shorty". This witness will state that from the telephone conversation it appeared that Barker was speaking to the rental agent of the Bradford property and the general gist of the conversation was that he did not wish to pay water rent that had been incurred by the previous tenant. This witness especially recalls this conversation because the amount of the water rent was a very small sum and, in fact, the telephone charge appeared to be greater than the water bill itself. The witness will further state that Fred Barker occasionally thereafter came into the store and bought fishing tackle and that he was accompanied by another man on these occasions.

NOTE: It is noted that this witness can positively identify the photograph of Fred Barker as being identical with T. C. Blackburn.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, February 5, 1935, pages 59 and 60, and report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, March 30, 1936, page 8).

MRS. RHODA NOTLEY, nee MAHE,  
Oklawaha, Florida.

This witness will state that during November and December of 1934, she was employed at the Oklawaha Inn, Oklawaha, Florida; that late in November Fred Barker, who was known to her as Blackburn, came into the hotel and made a long distance telephone call to Miami, Florida and identified himself to the party with whom he was conversing by calling himself "Shorty". This witness will state that from the telephone conversation it appeared that

It is to be noted that former Agent LaCour personally examined the telephone records and noted the record of the call from this phone to Joe Adams, Miami, Fla. These records are now destroyed, but it is suggested that this parole testimony might be used to establish the identity of the person who was called by Fred Barker on this occasion. Records show this call was made on November 30, 1934.

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recently saw photographs of Fred Barker as being identical with T. C. Blackburn.

The rough draft notes of Hanson re his interview with Joe Adams discloses that Adams admitted that Fred Barker called him with reference to the water and light bill.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Sago, Illinois, February 8, and 60, and report of Special Agents Simmons, Jacksonville, Florida, page 8).

**T. B. SEXTON,**  
818 East Henry Street,  
Ocala, Florida.

This witness will state that he rented the cottage adjacent to the Carson Bradford home (which was occupied by Fred Barker) from Mr. Bradford on October 6, 1934; that a few weeks later an individual known to him as Blackburn and whom he identifies as Fred Barker and a woman whom he identifies as Kate Barker, moved into the Carson Bradford home; that shortly thereafter Blackburn refused to permit his wife, Mrs. Sexton, to get water at the Carson Bradford home and that he made a call on Fred Barker one night, when Barker informed him that he would not permit the Sextons to get any more water, due to a past due water bill of \$14.00 which he, Barker, had to pay.

**NOTE:** Mr. Sexton was unable to identify any other members of the Karpis-Barker gang as having visited at the Blackburn home.

By referring to the signed statement of Carson Bradford dated January 29, 1935 at Miami, Florida, it will be noted that he makes reference to some trouble which was had over a bill which was charged to the house occupied by the Blackburns.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, February 8, 1935, page 85)

B. E. WETTSTEIN,  
Bookkeeper,  
Florida Telephone Corporation  
Leesburg, Florida.

In connection with this witness's testimony, reference should be made to the telephone call made by Fred Barker from the Oklawaha Inn during November 1934, as is seen under the testimony of Mrs. Rhoda Motley. It is to be noted that this telephone call was made from the Oklawaha Inn, Oklawaha, Florida, telephone number 1411, and that a search of the telephone records at Oklawaha, Florida, by agents during January 1935, disclosed that this particular call was made to Joe Adams at Miami, Florida on November 30, 1934.

This witness will testify that the original toll tickets covering the above mentioned call have been destroyed, and will state in addition thereto that all toll records prior to February 1935, have been destroyed.

NOTE: The Florida Telephone Corporation was organized in 1932, and incorporated under the laws of Florida as a public utilities corporation. The original charter of the corporation is in the possession of Otto Wettstein, Jr., Florida Telephone Corporation, Orlando, Florida, who is President and General Manager of the corporation.

(See reports of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, February 3, 1935, page 46 and E. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, March 30, 1936, pages 8 and 9).



E. ROSS ALLEN,  
Director, Florida Reptile Institute,  
and Taxidermist,  
Silversprings, Florida.

This witness will produce records and books of his firm which will establish that Fred Barker on November 27, 1934 brought a deer head to his place at Silversprings, Florida, requesting that the same be mounted and that on November 30, 1934, Fred Barker brought another deer head to this establishment to be mounted, which deer head was to be delivered to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, after the work of mounting had been completed.

NOTE: It is noted that Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson obtained from Joe Adams a receipt of the Florida Reptile Institute, showing that he, Adams, was to receive the above-mentioned deer head.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Chicago, February 3, 1935, page 80)

DR. A. HAMPTON,  
Manager of the Official Physicians' and  
Surgeons' Exchange and Nurses' Registry,  
719 Florida National Bank Building,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with Joe Adams' efforts to obtain a domestic  
for Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, the witness has furnished the  
following signed statement:

January 31, 1935

I, Dr. A. Hampton, Manager of the Official Physicians' and  
Surgeons' Exchange and Nurses' Registry, Dade County Medical Society,  
make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents Frank M.  
Stone and James W. Going, Special Agents of the Division of Investi-  
gation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Miss Teresa Carmichael, whom I consider above reproach, has  
been listed on our Nurses' Registry for a period of about three years.

On December 26, 1934 about eleven o'clock in the morning Mr.  
Joe E. Adams called the Adele Hampton Placement Bureau and asked for  
me but I was not in. When I later returned Mr. Bill Laxton, elevator  
boy in the First National Bank Building told me that Mr. Adams had  
called and was wild to get in touch with me. I called Mr. Adams  
but he was not in and I told the party who answered the phone to  
tell him that Dr. Hampton had called.

In the meantime about one o'clock on the same day my daughter,  
Marjorie C. Hageman called the telephone operator Miss Covington  
at the El Comodoro Hotel and verified the fact that Mr. Adams had  
tried to reach me.

Later about three o'clock in the afternoon Mr. Adams again  
called me and stated that he wished to secure a practical nurse-cook  
for a Mrs. Green. I asked him what kind of a person she wanted and  
what the pay would be. Mr. Adams stated that he did not know what  
she wanted to pay; that Mrs. Green was in an interesting condition  
and wanted a nurse who could do house work. I asked Mr. Adams for  
Mrs. Green's address so that I could see her and find out what kind

"of a girl she wanted and so that I could see the people that I was getting a nurse for. Mr. Adams gave me the address, 1121 N. E. 85th Street, and I promised him that I would go right out. He thanked me and said that was nice of me.

I went out about 6 o'clock to the address Mr. Adams gave me. The house was bolted with both key and chair. When Mrs. Green came to the door I told her that Mr. Adams had called me for a maid-cook and I had come to find out the kind of a person she wanted as she was so far out I wanted to be sure to have the right sort of person the first time. She said she wanted somebody to stay with her who could do house work and who would not talk too much or ask too many questions. This did not impress me as peculiar at the time as many of my best customers often make the same request. I promised her that I would bring her someone and that she would not be alone that night.

About 10:30 the same night I took Miss Carraichael to Mrs. Green and left her there.

I have read the foregoing statement and it is true to the best of my belief -

/s/ Adele Hampton M. D.  
Office address 719 Florida Nat. Bank.  
Miami, Fla.

Witness:

James W. Going  
Special Agent  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
B'ham, Ala.

Franklin M. Stone  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation.  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Birmingham, Ala.

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 35.)

NOTE: Investigation has disclosed that the date, December 26, 1934, mentioned in the signed statement of Dr. Hampton was incorrectly reported and the date should have been December 16, 1934, since there was an error in reporting the date on which the telephone call was made by Joe Adams. In the event that Dr. Hampton is to be used as a witness, a subpoena duces tecum should be served upon him to produce the records of the Official Physicians' and Surgeons' Exchange and Nurses' Registry, Dade County Medical Society, which report the date on which Miss Carmichael was employed by Karpis and Delaney as being December 13, 1934.

Adams called on Dec 16-34  
I couldn't reach him until Dec 19-34 - & he  
didn't tell when he called me, for not  
getting a party out there.

Lawton former maintenance  
Florida Natl Bank Bldg told me on Dec  
18 that Adams was with trying to reach  
me. Adams had a pent house on top  
of this bldg.



MISS TERESE CARMICHAEL,  
c/o Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Carmichael,  
Kendall, Florida, or  
c/o Farmers' Curb Market,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with her services as a domestic for Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney while the latter resided at the Thomas home, 1121 N. E. 85th Street, Miami, Florida, the witness has submitted a signed statement, the greater portion of which is to the effect that she received her employment through the Hampton Employment Agency, Miami, Florida, December 18, 1934, and at this time she commenced working for Mr. and Mrs. Green whom she has identified as Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney; that she worked for the Greens for about one month. She recalls persons with the descriptions of Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette having visited Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney. She will state that while planning the evening meal with Mrs. Green and the woman who was visiting (Wynona Burdette) the phone rang; that this phone call came about five o'clock P. M.; that Mrs. Green talked just a very short time and then immediately started to pack and the other woman (Wynona Burdette) packed the Green car out into the drive; that within 15 or 20 minutes Mrs. Green and her woman companion departed; that Mrs. Green was very excited after receiving the phone call and before leaving stated to the witness that she had to take the other woman some place and then later stated she had received a message calling her home.

The original signed statement embodying the above information has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

For the above signed statement see the report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935.

In addition to this, the witness will advise that on Christmas Day, 1934, about two o'clock in the afternoon as she was about to serve the dinner, Karpis received a telephone call, evidently from some one who informed Karpis that he had just

arrived in town; that he would like to see him; that Karpis told the individual to stay where he was; that Karpis would come and get him and bring him to the house for dinner; that thereafter Karpis informed the witness to arrange for two guests for dinner; that Karpis was very excited and kept looking out of the window, occasionally remarking that the party might get lost; that within about an hour a man and a woman drove up to the Karpis house in a big new looking automobile; that the man came into the house alone, declined the invitation of Karpis to join them at dinner, claiming that he was in a hurry and had eaten; that his wife was waiting in the car and they must return to the hotel.

She will state that she obtained only a glimpse of the man as he stepped into the kitchen with Karpis for a drink, she having then entered the living room to leave them alone. While she is not positive, she partially identified the photograph of Cassius McDonald as resembling the individual who visited Karpis. As to the woman who accompanied the stranger she can furnish no further information relative to her identity. She will advise that the man remained with Karpis only a few minutes and departed with the statement that he "would see him later."

For the above information see the report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimmons, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 4, 1935, page 10.

In addition to the above, the witness was interviewed on another occasion, at which time she stated in connection with the visit of Cassius McDonald that she did not notice the automobile that McDonald was driving, nor did she notice the woman companion with McDonald but she recalled that this woman and Mrs. Green (Dolores Delaney) sat on the front porch and talked while the visitor, who is undoubtedly McDonald, was in the kitchen having a drink of whiskey with Karpis.

The above information will be found in the report of Special Agent J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 23, 1935, page 21.

**J. C. WILLEVER,**  
First Vice-President,  
Western Union Telegraph Company,  
60 Hudson Street,  
New York City, New York.

In connection with the cablegrams quoted hereinbelow transmitted between Nathaniel Heller in Havana, Cuba and Joe Adams in Miami, Florida, it has been found that the originals of the three messages which originated at Havana, and a regular tissue copy of the message received at Havana from Miami, are available in the office of Mr. George W. Carey, Manager of the Western Union Cablegram Company, Havana, Cuba. Mr. Carey has informed, however, that it will be advisable to make request for the production of these messages upon Mr. J. C. Willever, who will instruct the Havana Office of the said company to designate someone to produce the messages. Mr. Carey has informed that if this procedure is followed, he will designate his commercial representative, Mr. Primitivo Arnesto Rodriguez to produce the messages in court.

The records of this company will show that cablegrams signed by Heller were directed to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida, under dates of October 16, 18 and November 2, 1934, respectively and will show a message received by Heller from Adams, under date of October 25, 1934. The cablegrams are set forth as follows:

"OOT 16/34 23 1.33

LO JOE ADAMS  
EL COMODORO HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

WHEN BOYS PARTY EXPECT TO COME OVER HAVE YOU  
HEARD FROM WILLIE ANSWER COLLECT

HELLER  
HOTEL PARKVIEW

CASH  
HOTEL PARKVIEW HAVANA.CUBA."

WINTER  
PART II  
WAS ILL  
d work  
MOOT  
and  
I saw  
I bet  
to  
SAW

"1934/OCT 18th/ 10 0.35

LO ADAMS  
EL COMODORO HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA-

CAN WILLIE COME TO-MORROW

HILLER.

CASH  
HOTEL PARKVIEW HAVANA.CUBA"

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"1934 OCT 25 AM 12 55

MZBLS 11 CABLE-MIAMI FLO 25 244A

LO MR KILLER  
PARKVIEW HOTEL HAVANA CUBA

RYAN ARRIVES THURSDAY PLANE

ADAMS."

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"1934 NOV 3 PM 8 14 17 2.65

FULL RATE  
JOE ADAMS  
COMMODORE HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

DID ANYONE COME OVER IF NOT WHEN ANSWER IMMEDIATELY  
COLLECT

HILLER

CASH  
ROOM 408 HOTEL PARKVIEW"

(V1)



"1934/OCT 18th/ 10 0.85

LC ADAMS  
EL COMODORO HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

With reference to the cablegrams we can show by T.C. Covell, p. 11, that Heller is an old guest of the hotel, and that Covell saw Heller with Dolores in the El Com Hotel. We can also show by L.E. Gray, p 12, that he saw Dolores in the dining room of the hotel with Heller. See p 16 to same effect. Further that Gray loaned his car to Heller so that Dolores could use it to look for apartments. Further that Heller registered at the hotel simultaneously with Dolores, and that they came over on the boat together. Gray can testify that Heller was then the manager of the Parkview Hotel in Havana.

"1934 OCT 25 AM 12 55

MZBLS 11 CABLE-MIAMI FLO 25 2444

LC MR KELLER  
PARKVIEW HOTEL HAVANA CUBA

RYAN ARRIVES THURSDAY PLANE

ADAMS."

"1934 NOV 2 PM 3 16 17 2.65

FULL RATE  
JOE ADAMS  
COMMODORE HOTEL  
MIAMI FLA

DID ANYONE COME OVER IF NOT WHEN ANSWER IMMEDIATELY  
COLLECT

HELLER

C A S H  
ROOM 408 HOTEL PARKVIEW

NOTE: Traced copies of the originals of the above-mentioned messages were made by Special Agent S. M. McKee and the same are now in the possession of the United States Attorney at Miami, Florida.

(See report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 25, 1935, pages 57, 58 and 59).

R. E. JOHNSON,  
Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company,  
21 West Flagler Street,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will be able to introduce the original  
telegram which is quoted as follows: *Miami Fla. Dec 29-34*

To T.C. BLACKBURN - W. CARSON BRADFORD  
OCCIAWARA - Fla.

"LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY  
CASH"

*we have this  
telegram.*

This witness will advise that the telegram was filed at 3:45 P.M.  
by Georgia Patterson at the branch office of the Western Union  
Telegraph Company, 262 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, where  
she is employed as a clerk.

NOTE: It is noted that this telegram was  
introduced during the course of the  
trial at St. Paul, Minnesota, in-  
volving Cassius McDonald, Harry Sawyer  
and William Weaver.

This telegram has been obtained and is now available  
for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J.  
H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida,  
February 20, 1935, page 11.)

This witness will also be able to produce the original of  
the following telegram:

11.13 PM NOV 21, 1934

T. C. BLACKBURN  
CARSON BRADFORD HOME  
OKLAHAWA FLA

*To be destroyed*

I HAVE BEEN SICK STOP PAPERS WILL START TODAY  
SORRY OF DELAY STOP MAILING PLATES TODAY STOP  
THANKS FOR FISH DID ENJOY THEM SO MUCH STOP  
REGARDS TO ALL

JOE ADAMS

(prepaid - .40)

NOTE: By referring to the signed statement of Joseph H. Adams seen under the testimony of J. H. Hanson elsewhere in this report, it will be noted that he admitted obtaining the license plates for T. C. Blackburn, but it is also observed that he has denied sending any newspapers to Blackburn.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935.)

This witness will also introduce the following telegram, sent by Joe Adams to T. C. Blackburn:

T. C. BLACKBURN  
C/O CARSON BRADFORD HOME  
OKLAHAWA FLA

W.F. 264 W. FIAQ12

1:17 pm Dec 6-34

*To be destroyed*

PHONE ME

JOE

(74)



NOTE: By referring to the testimony expected of Dolores Delaney, it will be seen that on the morning of December 5, 1934, she asked Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel if he had seen Freddie and mother, to which he replied that he would try to get in touch with them for her. It is also to be noted that Alvin Karpis returned to Miami, Florida, from Havana, Cuba, the evening of December 5, 1934, and on the morning of December 6, 1934, he held a conversation with Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, and at 1:17 P.M. December 6, 1934, the above quoted telegram was sent by Joe Adams to T. C. Blackburn.

(See report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, May 23, 1935, page 70).

MISS GEORGIA PATTERSON  
c/o Western Union Telegraph Company,  
21 West Flagler Street,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will be able to identify the original of the telegram which is quoted herewith as follows and which is seen elsewhere under the testimony of R. E. Johnson, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida:

"LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY  
CASH"

The witness will advise that this telegram was filed at 3:45 P.M. on December 29, 1934, by her at the branch office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, located at 262 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, where she was at that time employed as a clerk and that she received this telegram from one of the messengers named O. S. Gaskell, he being the messenger who picked up this telegram at the El Comodoro Hotel.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 11).

WILLIAM WOODBURY,  
c/o Dr. Earl Martin,  
Oklawaha, Florida.

This witness will advise that he was employed as a handy man by Fred Barker, known to him as T. C. Blackburn, during a portion of December 1934 and up until January 16, 1935; that prior to this time he was employed by Mr. Tom Sexton, a fireman at Ocala, Florida, and had been working for Sexton in a small cottage located on the Bradford property next door to the house occupied by the Barkers; that during November Fred Barker and his mother drove up to the cottage at Oklawaha in a Buick coupe owned by Fred Barker and that Harry Campbell, accompanied by a Negro butler known to him as Johnson (who is, in fact, William Milton Johnson, a bell boy of the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida), drove up in a black Ford coupe having yellow wheels. Woodbury will state that he knew Barker and his mother only by the name of Blackburn and that he knew Campbell and Wynona

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This witness will state that Harry Campbell resided with the Barkers almost continuously with the exception of three weeks on one occasion, perhaps early in December, when he went away not stating his destination. Woodbury will state that Campbell, Kate Barker and Fred Barker left Oklawaha for Miami a week before Christmas and returned in three or four days with Mrs. Summers, whom Woodbury identified from a photograph as being Wynona Burdette.

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the following day, Fred Barker took Karpis back to Miami and before he left, Mrs. Barker gave Karpis a present for the baby which Woodbury stated was expected shortly by Karpis' wife; that on the day before New Year's, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell left with a number of Christmas gifts for a baby which Woodbury believed was not yet born, but was expected shortly, at which time these parties stated they were going to Miami; that on New Year's two men, identified by Woodbury from photographs shown him as being "Slim" Gibson and "Doc" Barker, arrived at the Blackburn house in a 1934 Ford V-8 sedan, which was black and had yellow wheels; that no one was at home at the time, but that Kate Barker returned shortly thereafter and "Doc" Barker, who was known to Woodbury as "Shorty" stated on his arrival that he had met his mother in Orlando and that she had directed him to the house.

This witness will further state that Wynona Burdette received a daily newspaper from Chicago, Illinois, the name of which he does not know, but that each evening before retiring, the papers were gathered together and burned in the fireplace. The witness will advise that on Sunday, January 13, 1935, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette departed from Oklawaha, stating that they would return on Tuesday, January 15, 1935. The witness will state that on one occasion Mr. Bradford visited the house for a short while; that on one occasion Fred Barker told the witness that he, Barker, had rented the residence through a Mr. Adams at Miami, Florida and that on another occasion a man called at the Blackburn residence, at which time the witness asked him if his name was Adams; that the stranger said "yes" and informed him that he had rented the Bradford place to Blackburn.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, 2-3-35  
pages 61 to 63).

With further reference to the visit of "Doc" Barker and Russell Gibson, the witness will advise that during Christmas week the Barkers had two men visiting them, one of whom he understood was Fred Barker's brother, whom Woodbury identified from a photograph as being "Doc" Barker and the other man being called "Slim" by the Blackburns. Woodbury has identified a photograph of Russell Gibson as being identical with "Slim". He will state that

Not also p 13  
of Connelley's  
report.

these two men stayed with the Barkers at Oklawaha three or four days and then departed.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois,  
February 3, 1935, pages 15 and 16).

This witness will state that he recalls definitely that he obtained from the Post Office at Oklawaha, Florida each day a newspaper which he delivered to the Bradford home; that he cannot recall to whom these papers were addressed, since he claims that he does not read and write very well, but he recalls that the newspapers were addressed in handwriting and were not printed in typing, or otherwise. He will state that he went to the Post Office once each day during the time that he worked for the Barkers and that on each visit to the Post Office he obtained a newspaper. He will further state that these newspapers were gathered up each evening and burned, and for that reason he had no opportunity to obtain possession of the papers, or to ascertain the point from which they were mailed.

(See report of Special Agent E. F. Fitzsimons,  
Jacksonville, Florida, March 24, 1934,  
page 3).

This witness will state that on one occasion, the date not being recalled, Joe Adams, accompanied by an individual whose identity Woodbury claimed not to know, came to the Bradford home in a Ford V-8 coupe; that Adams inquired for the Blackburns; that the witness informed Adams that the Blackburns were not at home and that they had gone fishing. Woodbury will advise that prior to this time, he had never seen Adams, nor had any one of the Karpis-Barker gang mentioned the name of Adams to him. He will state that he asked the man who was driving the car if he was Mr. Adams, and the individual replied that he was. Woodbury will state that he had heard of Mr. Adams through Mr. Bradford, who had told the witness that Adams was a good sport. That when the witness informed Adams that the Blackburns were not at home, Adams left in the Ford V-8 coupe, but the individual who accompanied him remained at the Bradford home.

NOTE: The witness has failed to identify a photograph

of Karpis as being the individual who came out there with Adams, and remained after Adams' departure. Reference should be had to the signed statement of Dolores Delaney contained in the report of Special Agent John L. Madala, Chicago, Illinois, February 6, 1936, on page 22 of which Dolores Delaney states that Joe Adams drove Alvin Karpis to Oklawaha, since, at the time, Karpis did not have a car of his own, and that Karpis returned to Miami on the following day accompanied by Fred Barker and Harry Campbell; that Alvin Karpis later told Dolores Delaney that Adams did not stay overnight at Oklawaha, but returned to Miami shortly after he arrived at Oklawaha.

The witness will advise that later that evening Fred Barker and Harry Campbell returned, and the stranger who had come to the Bradford home with Adams, remained there overnight.

Woodbury will advise that about a month after the Barkers had moved into the Bradford home, an individual, whom he now positively identifies as Duke Randall, came to the Bradford home and inquired for the Blackburns; that on this occasion Randall was driving a Ford V-8 coupe of dark color with yellow wheels; that Randall arrived sometime in the afternoon, Woodbury being of the opinion that it was Sunday; that Woodbury advised Randall that the Blackburns were away on a trip for several days; that Randall asked where they were and when they would return and Woodbury replied that he did not know; that Randall then got out of the car and walked about the premises for sometime and ultimately asked Woodbury to get some oranges for him. Woodbury will state that he placed a bag, or sack of oranges in the back part of the Ford coupe, which Randall was driving; that after the oranges were placed in the car Randall left and did not leave any message or instructions with Woodbury. That Randall returned the following day, or perhaps two days later and again inquired for the Blackburns, at which time Woodbury informed him that they were still away; that Randall then left without making any further comment.

The witness will state that Randall returned on a subsequent occasion, perhaps several days later; that Randall was driving the same Ford V-8 coupe on this occasion, but did not inquire for the Blackburns this time; instead, he left a note with Woodbury, instructing

Woodbury to deliver it to Mr. Blackburn when he returned and told Woodbury to have Mr. Blackburn "telephone him at the El Comodore Hotel in Miami, Florida, as soon as he got back"; that after leaving the note and giving Woodbury the instructions, Randall left and Woodbury will state that he did not see Randall thereafter. Woodbury will state that after receiving the note, he took it into the house, placed it under a lamp on the living room table, and that evening Kate Barker and Wynona Burdette, who had also been away for several days, had returned; that Woodbury gave the note to the "old lady" (Kate Barker), since she and Wynona were the first of the gang to return, and that later that evening Fred Barker and Campbell returned. Woodbury will state that he informed Kate Barker, when he delivered the note to her "that a man had left it that afternoon" to which she made no comment.

NOTE: It is to be noted that Woodbury denies that he discussed the physical description of Randall with Kate Barker and Wynona Burdette at the time he delivered the note to them; that he also denies having advised Wynona Burdette that the man delivering the note was accompanied by anyone.

Woodbury has positively identified the photographs of Joe Adams, Duke Randall, Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Wynona Burdette and Kate Barker. He is unable to identify the photograph of Alvin Karpis as being a party who visited at the Blackburn home.

(See report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, Jacksonville, Florida, March 30, 1936, pages 2 through 5).



J. H. Baird.

E. J. C. 2-3-35 p 58.

States that Joe Adams visited at Blackburn  
home on several occasions. He acted as  
caretaker for Bradford & should know  
Adams by sight & how many times  
he visited. See there.

Note p 73 also. TP notes.

WILLIAM MILTON JOHNSON,  
Bell boy,  
El Comodoro Hotel,  
Miami, Florida.  
Res. - 376 Northwest Tenth Street,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will advise that he has been employed at the El Comodoro Hotel as a bell boy; that he recognizes the photographs of Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis as persons whom he knew to be residing at the said hotel during the fall of 1934; that he recalls having served Fred Barker and Kate Barker on numerous occasions; that these persons treated him nicely and always tipped him about twenty-five cents; that he knew Kate Barker as Mrs. Ryan, who always referred to Fred as "son", and that this was the only name he knew Barker by until later when he learned that of Blackburn; that Kate and Fred Barker asked him to go with them to Oklawaha, Florida, on or about November 20, 1934; that Kate and Fred and he drove up there in a 1934 Buick Coupe; that he stayed with the Barkers for about two or three weeks, leaving to again resume his job at the El Comodoro Hotel as a bell boy. He will advise that when he returned from Oklawaha to Miami, he wrote Blackburn a letter, stating that Joe Adams had been ill, but that their papers which they had requested would be sent to them.

(See reports of Special Agent in Charge J. E. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 82, and April 23, 1935, page 49).

In addition to the above information, the witness has submitted the following signed statement:

Miami, Fla.  
Mar. 29, 1936.

I, William Milton Johnson, hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to R. E. Donaldson, known to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No threats or promises of any kind have been made to me to cause me to give this statement.

Referring to my employment as bell boy at the El Comodoro Hotel during the latter part of year 1934 and my previous identification of photos of various members of the Barker-Karpis gang, I can offer the following details. I recall during the month of December 1934 or thereabouts that while on duty I helped James Grant, then head bellman, take a radio to room 405 where I saw a woman who was pregnant and a man who had on dark glasses. He was a tall, thin man and I only got a side glance at him. I do not know who arranged to send this radio up. I don't recall having carried up a radio to any other guests about this time unless it was their own property.

As regards newspapers being delivered to these people I may have delivered some but as to the details of same I cannot say whether they would be local or out of town papers.

When I decided to return from Ocklawaha, Fla. where employed by Fred and Kate Barker in Nov. 1934, Fred Barker gave me a \$10.00 bill and asked me to mail him papers. I don't know what papers he asked me to send. It seems to me it was a Chicago or St. Louis paper. He wrote the name down on a piece of paper.

Fred told me at first to find out about his paper  
as he had left word at the office of the El Comodore  
Hotel to have it sent. On inquiry of the clerk or  
someone else on duty upon my return I could not  
find out about the paper so I went ahead and sent  
them myself and wrote a letter to Fred about it. I  
purchased such papers at various stands and at times  
when I could not get out would ask some of the other  
boys to get one for me.

I have read this statement which is written on two  
sheets before signing same and it is true.

/s/ W. M. Johnson

Witness:  
R. E. Donaldson,  
Special Agent, F. B. I.  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

The original of the above signed statement is  
now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

NOTE: Reference is made to that portion  
of the testimony of this witness  
reflecting that he wrote a letter  
to the Blackburns after he returned  
to his duties at the El Comodore  
Hotel. It is noted that this letter  
was found by Special Agent R. E.  
Brown in the Blackburn home at  
Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16,  
1935. The postmark on this letter  
discloses that it was mailed at  
Miami, Florida, at 7:30 P.M. on  
November 24, 1934. It was written  
in typewriting. The letter is  
quoted herewith as follows:



Miami, Dade County, Florida.  
November 23, 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn,  
Oklawaha, Florida.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Blackburn:

I wish to thank you for the courtesies shown  
me while I was at your home; which I shall  
never forget. Kindly remember me to Mr.  
Summers.

Mr. Adams has been away and has been ill, and  
that is the reason he has not sent the papers,  
but no doubt, by this time, you will have  
received them.

Thanking you again for your many courtesies,

I am very truly yours,

W. M. Johnson,  
135 N.W. 9th St.  
Miami, Florida."

The original of this letter is now  
available for the use of Mr. Walter  
L. Barlow.

It is anticipated that the witness William Milton  
Johnson will be able to introduce and identify this  
letter, it being noted that he has already admitted  
having written the same. Particular attention is  
directed to that portion of the letter which is quoted  
as follows: "Mr. Adams has been away and has been ill,  
and that is the reason he has not sent the papers....".  
It will be noted that Adams, in his signed statement  
seen elsewhere in this report, declined to forward  
newspapers to the gang at Oklawaha.

Attention is now directed to a Western Union telegram seen elsewhere in this report, directed by Joe Adams to T. C. Blackburn, which is quoted herewith as follows, indicating that Adams had knowledge of the fact that newspapers were being forwarded to Blackburn at Oklawaha and was, in fact, personally interested in the forwarding of such papers to that point:

2JN BX 89PM  
Miami Fla  
Nov 21 1934

T C Blackburn  
Carson Bradford Home  
Oklawaha Fla

I have been sick stop papers will start  
today sorry of delay stop mailing plates  
today stop thanks for fish and enjoy them  
so much stop regards to all

Joe Adams  
821 A  
Nov 22 1934

Attention is directed to the fact that the letter of William Milton Johnson was actually written on November 23, 1934, and the telegram quoted above was sent on November 21, 1934.

(See report of Special Agent E. V.  
Fitzsimons dated at Jacksonville,  
Florida, March 30, 1936, page 13).

HARRY R. COOK,  
Etowah, Tennessee.

In connection with the purchasing of license plates for Joe Adams, this witness has submitted the following signed statement, dated at Etowah, Tennessee, April 1, 1935:

"I, Harry Cook make this free and voluntary statement to Special Agent E. F. Small, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No promises or threats induced me to make this statement and I know it could be used against me in a Court of law.

I have known Joe Adams since 1931, when I first met him in Etowah, Tennessee. Adams used to come here and visit his mother, Mrs. Laura Adams, and his two children, Joe Jr. and Laura, who still live with J. A. Fowler, a locomotive engineer on the L. & N. R. R. Adams used to come to my filling station and buy gas and oil for his car and we became friendly. At that time, 1931, I think Adams lived in Louisville, Kentucky, because he used to have Jefferson County, Kentucky license plates on his car. As Adams came back and forth on his visits to his mother and children he would look me up and we thus became good friends.

I am twenty-eight years old, born in Knoxville, Tennessee. I am not married but reside with my mother, Mrs. J. J. Cook, Etowah, Tennessee. I have never been arrested. I have been operating service stations in Etowah since 1931, and at present operate the Etowah Service Station in this town.

Sometime during December 1934, I am not sure, while Joe Adams was here on a visit, he came to my station and asked me if I would get him some Tennessee license plates for a Buick car, and he gave me the name of the party on a piece of paper whom I was to get the plates for, which name I do not recall, nor have I the piece of paper now to the best of my knowledge. Adams told me to get the plates and send them to Miami, Florida. Adams told me at the time that these plates were for some fellows who are running

*Shore Park Hotel  
Miami Beach*  
*Signature serial at Etowah  
Jan 17 5-4-37*

*These plates were  
actually purchased  
on Nov 16-1934  
by J. J.*

*Cleveland?*

whiskey between the North and South, going through Cincinnati on their trips. I said 'Joe, that will get me in trouble -- that's not right'. He then said 'Well will you get me the plates' and I said that 'I would', as long as he wanted them badly.

Adams gave me as I recall \$5.00 and I think the plates cost me \$5.00, however the record at Athens would show what was paid.

After Adams gave me this money, he left Etowah, and I have never seen him since. A few days after my conversation with Adams, a party named Frank Jennings, came to my station, he lives in Etowah and informed me he was going to Athens, Tennessee. I asked him to get the plates for me and gave him the piece of paper with the name on for whom he was to get the plates. This was the same name and paper that Adams had given me, with the motor number on it and description of the car.

Jennings got the plates in Athens, at the County seat and brought them back to me on the same day. I mailed the plates to Adams in a couple of days at the hotel address he had given me. I can't recall the name of that hotel.

*This was on or  
about Jan 1-35  
See p 144*

Sometime after Christmas as I recall, I know it was after Christmas because my girl friend Winnie Hamby, gave me a leather jacket and I was wearing it on this night and while I was attending a movie in Etowah, I got a telephone call from my gas station. I thought it was from Roy Arp, who works for me at the station, asking me to come down to the station as there was some fellow who wanted to see me right away. I excused myself and went to the station.

*Note p 90 - He  
identifies Duke  
Randall as the  
thin faced fellow.*

There I met two men, one was a thin-faced fellow that I did the talking to. The other one I paid no attention to. All that I can remember about the thin faced fellow as far as description is concerned is that he had a sharp nose. The fellow driving the car wore glasses.

The thin faced fellow came up to me and said 'Do you know Joe Adams'. I replied 'Yes'. He then said 'Joe Adams is a good friend of mine' and I said 'Adams is a good friend of mine and when he comes to town buys gas from me and I think he's a fine fellow. I know Joe's mother and she is a fine woman



and very respectable.' The thin faced fellow, not the one wearing glasses asked me 'Didn't you buy some plates (license) for Adams'. I told him I had. I noticed the car they were driving, it was a 1934, V-8 Ford, two door sedan, with a black body. I don't recall whether the car was a coach or sedan definitely, but I remember it had a Georgia license on it. I said to the thin faced fellow after noticing the car was muddy - 'You fellows came over some muddy roads' and he said 'Yes we came from Atlanta'.

As he was getting into the car he handed me some paper money and I told him 'You don't owe me anything'. They had not bought anything at my station, and I attempted to give the money back to him. The thin faced fellow then said 'I can make more money than that in five minutes'. I did not look to see how much money they had given me, as I was surprised and didn't know what it was all about. Upon leaving my station they were in a great hurry. I want to truthfully state this is the only time I have ever seen these two men. Special Agent H. F. Small has shown me a picture of the Karpis, Barker, Davis, Campbell group and I have never seen any of them to my recollection.

I kept the money, it was fifty dollars, two twenties and one ten dollar bill, for three or four days, not knowing what to do with it. I finally took it down to the Cantrell Banking Company in Etowah, Tennessee, where I asked either Allie Budder or Tom Cantrell, clerk and cashier respectively whether it was good money. I did not explain how I got the money. I was informed the money was good and deposited it to my account.

I have read this statement and it is the truth in all particulars and I sign it and affix my initials to all five pages."

Signed "Harry R. Cook"

Witness - "H.F. Small,  
Special Agent-Fed.Bur.Investigation,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
508 Medical Arts Bldg.,  
Nashville, Tennessee".

Addendum

"My description of the two men is the same as Roy Arp's description of the two men, as best I can recall."

(See report of Special Agent Louis De Netto, dated at Nashville, Tennessee, April 4, 1935, pages 2, 4 and 5)

In addition to the above information, the witness also submitted another signed statement dated at Etowah, Tennessee, April 25, 1935, which is quoted herewith as follows:

"I, Harry Cook, make this supplemental statement to Special Agent H. F. Small to the one I gave him on April 1, 1935. No promises or threats induced me to make either statement and I know they could be used against me in a court of law.

After viewing the picture of the party known as Duke Randall, which picture has been shown to me by Special Agent H. F. Small, I identify him as the thin faced fellow that visited my filling station and gave me \$50.00. This party is the same party that said he was a friend of Joe Adams, but I am positive that he did not make the statement 'forget about Adams and the license plates' or even infer as much.

Our conversation was about those things which I mentioned in my previous statement, on April 1, 1935, and at no time was any statement made by the party to 'forget about Adams and the license plates' because such a statement would have made an impression on my mind, and I am sure I would have recalled such statement when I gave my first written statement on April 1, 1935.

After the party known as Randall and the other man drove away from my station on that night I have never seen either since.

I am still at a loss to explain why I was given the money and who the party known as Randall can be.

This statement is the absolute truth. I sign it and affix my initials on the preceding page."

Signed "Harry R. Cook"

WITNESS:

"H. F. Small, Special Agent, Fed. Bu. of Invest., U. S. Dept. of Justice, 508 Medical Arts Building, Nashville, Tennessee."

The above noted signed statements have been obtained and are now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent H. F. Small, dated at Nashville, Tennessee, April 30, 1935, page 2)

ROY ARP,  
Etowah, Tennessee.

With respect to the visit on the part of Duke Randall, at which time he delivered \$50.00 to Harry R. Cook, this witness has submitted the following signed statement dated at Etowah, Tennessee, April 1, 1935, and may be expected to testify in keeping therewith:

"I, Roy Arp, make this statement to Special Agent H. F. Small, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

My name is Roy Arp and I work for Harry Cook at the Etowah Service Station.

Sometime before the first of January 1935, I would not say for sure, but it might have been the last part of December 1934, about 8:30 P. M. at night, two fellows drove into Harry Cook's Service Station. It seems to me they were driving a U-Drive-It car. It was a 1934 V-8 model deluxe two door sedan, black body and yellow wheels, with a narrow yellow stripe around the body. The shorter of the two fellows asked me if Harry Cook was at the station. I informed him, Harry was at the show. He told me to call him on the phone as he wanted to see him and I did, calling Harry at the show. Harry said he would come over, right away.

The shorter of the two fellows said in referring to the car 'This thing runs too slow, I wish I had the governor off of it'.

The taller one of the two, who was wearing glasses and who was driving the car said 'No we can't do that, I have to take this car back and they would get after me, they wouldn't bother you, but they would me'.

The little man said 'he had come from Miami to see Harry Cook and that he had come from Miami to Atlanta in an airplane and that he hoped he could make Atlanta and get a plane back to Miami'. To this remark the taller of the

*Randall said he had  
come all the way  
from Miami just  
to see Cook & that  
it was important  
business and at Etowah  
Jan 1st 5-4-35  
Shore Park Hotel  
Miami Beach*



two men, who did the driving, said 'We will be too late to get a plane, but we can see a midnight show in Atlanta'.

They did not purchase anything at the station and when Harry Cook came up, I checked the car over and cleaned the windshield.

I don't know what conversation took place between Harry and these parties as I was busy attending to the car. Both of these fellows stayed only a very few minutes and drove away in a great haste.

One wearing glasses (tallest one)

Age 35  
Height 5'11"  
Weight 155  
Dress - wearing blue serge suit  
Eyes - Wore glasses  
Hair - Black  
Complexion - dark

SHORTEST ONE

Age 33  
Height 5'9"  
Weight 145  
Dress - can't recall  
Hair - can't recall  
Wearing a hat-color I don't recall  
Complexion - sandy

It was the first and last time I ever saw them and I don't know where they are.

I have read the above statement, consisting of two and one-half pages and it is the truth."

(Signed) "Roy Arp"

Witness:  
"H. F. Small, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
508 Medical Arts Building,  
Nashville, Tennessee"

The original of this signed statement  
has been obtained and is now available  
for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

NOTE: It is to be noted that this witness has positively identified the photograph of Duke Randall as being the party who delivered the money to Cook and he will explain that Randall was identical with the shorter of the two men who came to the filling station asking for Harry Cook; that Randall was the man who did most of the talking to Cook; that Randall at that time was wearing a gray hat; that Randall is the party who stated that he had come all the way from Miami to see Harry Cook.

(See report of Special Agent H. F. Small, dated at Nashville, Tennessee, April 30, 1935, page 1)

FRANK JENNINGS,  
Etowah, Tennessee.

In view of the fact that the license plates mentioned in the signed statement and under the testimony of Harry R. Cook were actually purchased by Frank Jennings, he has furnished the following signed statement, dated at Etowah, Tennessee, April 1, 1935, and may be expected to testify in accordance therewith:

"I, Frank Jennings, make this voluntary statement to Special Agent H. F. Small, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. This statement is the truth.

My name is Frank Jennings and I live here in Etowah, Tennessee. I have known Harry Cook for several years. I don't recall what date, but it was sometime in December, I think, I was going to Athens on business. I am a florist, and I stopped in Harry's station. Harry asked me to get some plates for him while in Athens, the county seat. Harry gave me a piece of paper with the description of the car and the name of the party for whom I was to get the plates registered. I never even glanced at the paper and I couldn't tell you what kind of a car or for whom I was to get the plates for in Athens. I don't know where the paper is now.

I went to Athens and got the plates at County Court Clerk's Office. It was John Anderson's office. I can't remember how much I paid for the plates, as I never thought anything of the transaction. Late in the afternoon I came back to Etowah, with the plates and gave them to Harry.

Purchasing plates in this fashion is the customary thing and I never thought anything of buying the plates in this manner.

This statement is the truth and I have read it."

(Signed) "Frank Jennings"

Witness:

"H. F. Small, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
508 Medical Arts Bldg., Nashville, Tenn."

*not sending in  
copy to  
Shore Park Hotel  
Miami Beach.*

The original of this signed statement  
has been obtained and is now available  
for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow,

(See report of Special Agent Louis De Nette,  
dated at Nashville, Tennessee, April 4, 1934,  
pages 5 and 8)



COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

WAITER STOKES  
COMMISSIONER - DEPT of FINANCE & TAXATION  
WAR MEMORIAL Bldg.  
Nashville, TENN.

This witness, upon service of subpoena duces tecum,  
will produce records disclosing that on November 16, 1934,  
1934 Tennessee license plates No. 509881 were issued on a  
1934 Buick sedan, Motor No. 2884746 in the name of T. C.  
Blackburn, Etowah, Tennessee.

J. C. WHITE,  
Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas.

This witness will state that he was present at Oklawaha, Florida, on January 16, 1935, when efforts were made to apprehend Kate Barker and Fred Barker; that after the death of said persons, he, together with other Agents, made a careful inspection of the premises occupied by said parties, and that in one of the bedrooms of the said home he found a set of 1934 Tennessee license plates No. 309-881.

NOTE: It is to be noted that these are the license plates which Joe Adams arranged to be purchased for T. C. Blackburn.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, Chicago, Illinois, February 9, 1935, pages 13 and 35.)

MILLER V. BISHOP,  
a/o Ungar Buick Company,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with the purchase by Duke Randall of a Buick Two-Door Sedan from the Ungar Buick Company on December 22, 1934, in the name of Leroy Morrison, this witness has furnished the following signed statement:

Miami, Florida

Jan. 21, 1935

I, Miller V. Bishop, make the following voluntary statement to L. B. Nichols, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept of Justice.

On Saturday morning before lunch Dec. 22, 1934, a man got out of a Red Top Taxi Cab and walked into the showrooms of the Ungar Buick Co., where I am employed as a sales man. He walked directly to a 5 passenger Black Buick Coupe, motor #42949155, serial #2763525-35, and asked me what discount he could get off of the price which appeared on top of the car, for paying cash. I told him that I couldn't give him any discount because of the Code. We got in the car and sat in the seat for awhile, after which we got out, and he asked me how soon he could get the car, and I told him about 10 minutes, and he said 'let's go'. I then took him back to the desk, where he paid for the car in cash. After paying for the car he went back into the Service Department where I left him waiting for the car until he got in it and started the motor, this was the last time I saw him.

As I recall he gave his name as Leroy Morrison, 444 Main St., Buffalo, New York, and was about 35 years of age, 5' 9", slender build, sandy hair, blue or grey eyes, fair complexion. While waiting for the car he stated he was from Atlantic City, N. J. and talked about recently buying a Packard but which he returned as he was not satisfied with it.

I do not recall Joe Adams bringing anyone in to see me about a car or writing a letter of introduction to anyone, although I believe that if Joe sent anyone to buy a Buick that he would send

"then to me. As a matter of fact I haven't seen Adams, I am sure, since last June (1934). Also I do not recall anyone fitting the description of or resembling the photo of Alvin Karpis. On Dec. 22, 1934, I was on the floor in the morning. On Dec. 21, 1934 I was on duty from 6 to 10 P. M. On December 20th I was on duty during the afternoon. On Dec. 22, 1934, O. C. McLenna was on duty with me, on the Dec. 21, 1934 and the 20th as we usually work in pairs. At that period I was working with McLenna whenever on floor duty. When Morrison purchased the above mentioned car, I was of the impression that he had seen the car in the north and knew exactly what he wanted when he purchased it.

Before Morrison left with the car, I took him for a ride, and on returning prior to his leaving, he seemed to be in a hurry as when he left he drove over the grease rack at about 40 miles an hour.

I have read the foregoing statement and it is true.

/s/ Miller V. Bishop

Witness:

L. B. Nichols  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala."

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

For the above information see the report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 41.

It will be noted that the witness has positively identified the photograph of Duke Randall as the party using the name of Leroy Morrison in the purchase of this automobile. The witness will also state that Randall at the time of the purchase of the car signed the name, Leroy Morrison, to the application for the State of Florida Certificate of Title for this automobile.



This witness will be able to introduce a Florida Certificate of Title dated January 1, 1935, Application #377514, Certificate #959114, for a Buick Coupe (official Buick name for this particular model is Coupe rather than Two-Door Sedan) with steel wheels, Motor #42949155, Model 35-48, 8 cyle., Serial #2783525, showing the title of this automobile to be in the name of Leroy Morrison, 1201 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida.

It should be explained that due to the fact that the purchaser of this automobile who has been identified as Duke Randall refused to furnish a local address in Miami, the title was mailed to the office of the Ungar Buick Company and was never called for.

The abovementioned certificate of title has now been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Burlew.

For the above information see reports of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Manson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 44 and 45, and April 23, 1935, page 17.

This witness will also be able to introduce and identify a receipt of the Ungar Buick Company, 1201 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, dated December 22, 1934, #4356, indicating that there had been sold to Leroy Morrison, 1201 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida, by salesman Bishop one Model 1935-48 Buick Coupe; that the car cost \$1,080.00; and that a bill was also made for license plates at a cost of \$16.50, total cost \$1,096.50 which was paid for by cash on delivery.

NOTE: It is noted that this receipt was found among the personal effects in Room 517 at the Taniam Hotel, which was Randall's room at the time of Randall's apprehension on January 21, 1935. This information is also set out under the testimony of J. H. Manson seen elsewhere in this report.

This receipt has now been obtained and is available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Burlew.

M. S. ALTMEYER,  
General Manager,  
Ungar Buick Company,  
Miami, Florida.

This witness will produce books and records of the above mentioned company showing that a Buick Five passenger Coupe otherwise known as a Buick Two-Door Sedan, Motor #42949155, was sold to Leroy Morrison for \$1,096.50 on December 22, 1934. He will also be able to introduce the Florida Certificate of Title dated January 1, 1935, issued in the name of Leroy Morrison, which is mentioned under the testimony of Miller V. Bishop.

The witness has furnished the following signed statement with regard to the purchase of the above-mentioned car:

Miami, Florida  
Jan. 21, 1935

I, M. S. Altmyer, make the following voluntary statement to L. E. Nichols, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

I recall from checking the records of the Ungar Motor Co., of which I am General Manager, and know that a Buick Five Passenger Coupe, motor #42949155 serial #2733535-35 was sold to Leroy Morrison for \$1096.50 which amount was in cash. This sale was made by Miller Bishop, one of my salesman. I do not recall talking to Morrison, however, Bishop & my office girl Mrs. Gilbert state that I talked to him and counted the money, for which reason I undoubtedly did talk to him.

I do not recall anyone resembling a photo of Alvin Karpis, coming to our showroom with Joe Adams or coming with a letter of introduction from Joe Adams and I am ready to swear to this fact for as far as I know Joe Adams has always borne a good reputation in Miami, Fla.

The above mentioned car was paid for in cash and I do recall participating in a cash transaction recently, where the purchase price was paid in \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills, however, I cannot swear whether this transaction was the one with Leroy Morrison.

"I have read the above statement and it is true.

/s/ W. S. Altmyer

Witness:

L. B. Nichols, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Birmingham, Ala.

F. M. Stone, Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Birmingham, Ala."

The original of this signed statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 40.)



A. A. UNGER,  
Unger Buick Company,  
Miami, Florida.

In connection with the purchase of a Buick Two-Door Sedan, otherwise known as a Buick Coupe, by Duke Randall in the name of Leroy Morrison, on December 22, 1934, the witness has furnished the following signed statement:

Miami, Florida  
January 23, 1935

I, A. A. Unger, make the following voluntary statement to L. B. Nichols, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice.

Sometime during December, the exact date I do not recall but as I recall it was not more than a month ago and I am positive that it was around the middle of December and it was certainly not later than the first of the month of December, Joe Adams called me up and as I recall Joe said 'Arthur I've got a good prospect for you, he is a wealthy friend and is about to buy a car in Orlando, Fla. and I stopped him from buying a car up there, and he is going out of town and when he returns I'll get him in touch with you at the proper time.' Adams also said that he was always tickled to death to do something of his friends here in Miami, and that his friend had had his car overhauled in Orlando, Fla. and they had tried to sell him there, but that he Adams had persuaded him to buy here as this person stated he would as soon buy from Adams' friends as to buy in Orlando, Fla. At the time I thought I told my manager Mr. Altayer to make a notation of this prospect, which he states I didn't do. While I am not positive as to the name Adams gave me, nevertheless I am almost certain that it was Morrison, and Adams stated he was a wealthy influential friend from up north.

I have read the foregoing statement and it is true to my best recollection.

/s/ A. A. Unger

Witness:

L. B. Nichols  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
Birmingham, Ala.



The original of this statement has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 43.)

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

The witness will state that he interviewed Joseph H. Adams on January 29, 1935, in Miami, Florida, at which time Adams stated that he perhaps gave Dolores Delaney or Alvin Karpis a card to Heller of the Biscayne Hotel in Havana. Adams tells him that the people have done the same as Adams, but that he is not

Note, Report of J.H. Hanson, Jax 4-23-35, page 55 et seq, where he was reinterviewed by Barlow, McKee, and Hanson, admitting the data contained in his signed statement. Note further that he admitted on page 56, that during November, 1934, Gray told him that Federal officers had inquired re Randall and Codomo. It is to be recalled that Adams went up to Oklawaha and told the gang that Federal Officers were in Miami.

He will be able to identify the document which he obtained 35:

My voluntary statement of J H Hanson of the U. S. Department of Justice. No promises have been made and no payment can be used

Since about August 1, 1934, I have managed the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Fla., for my father-in-law,

Hanson's rough draft notes of his interview with Joe Adams shows that Adams got flowers from Blackburns at Thanksgiving time; a cocktail outfit at Christmas time; a deerhead from Blackburn, a few fish and some venison. With reference to the fish note the wire of Adams to Blackburn wherein he thanks Blackburn for the fish.

that time for a period of the present time I have been in the bound racing business. At present I am manager of the Biscayne Kennel Club, a suburb of Miami, Fla.

I was at Newark, N. J., for some time seeking a dog track location, and was a clerk at the Douglas Hotel, where I drove my car. I knew nothing about the work I worked for me for about 6

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

The witness will state that he interviewed Joseph H. Adams on January 29, 1935, in Miami, Florida, at which time Adams stated that he perhaps gave Dolores Delaney or Alvin Karpis a card to Heller of the Parkview Hotel in Havana, Cuba, telling him that the people or bearers of the card were O. K.; that he may have done the same as regards one George Harris who runs a bar in Havana, but that he is not sure of this.

In addition to the above, Agent Hanson will be able to introduce and identify the following signed statement which he obtained from Adams in Miami, Florida, on January 29, 1935:

Miami, Florida,  
January 29, 1935.

I, Joseph H. Adams, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents R. L. Jones and J. H. Hanson of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No threats have been made against me. No promises have been made to me. I know that this statement can be used against me in a Criminal Court.

Since about August 1, 1934, I have managed the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Fla., for my father-in-law, T. R. Knight. Prior to that time for a period of several years and at the present time I have been also engaged in the greyhound racing business. At present, I am also manager of the Biscayne Kennel Club in Miami Shores Village, a suburb of Miami, Fla.

In About April 1934 when I was at Newark, N. J., for a period of several weeks seeking a dog track location, I met Duke Randall thru a clerk at the Douglas Hotel. I employed Randall to drive my car. I knew nothing about Randall at that time. He worked for me for about 6

weeks during which time we became quite friendly. Before I left Newark for Miami Randall spoke to me about getting work in Miami during this present winter. I told him that if he came down here I would assist him in getting work. From the time I left Newark until the latter part of Oct. 1934, when Duke Randall came to Miami, Fla., accompanied by his friend, Gregory I. Comodo, I had written several letters to Duke telling him that I would get him work in Miami and that if he came to Miami, he could live at the El Comodoro Hotel until the season started. I had also told him I would take care of his hotel bill and that I would see that he got his board. I understood that Randall and Comodo drove down here in an old Ford Coupe. At the time Randall arrived here, he told me that he had been working in New Jersey at the lathing business and that he had a little money. Prior to Duke's coming to Miami he had written to me from Newark that he was in trouble on an assault charge and tried to borrow \$250.00 from me to settle it. I never answered his letters asking for this money. After his arrival this case was never discussed. On Dec. 1, 1934, we opened the Biscayne Kennel Club and Randall was given employment by me as a guard at the track. His salary was \$7.00 per day and while he was carried on the payroll of the Rolfe Armored Service Co., the Biscayne Kennel Club remitted to the Rolfe Co. for Randall's special police commission. On an occasion in about December 1934 when I was at the Biscayne Kennel Club, Randall attempted to show me some papers which appeared to be legal documents and at the same time he said something about having been convicted of murder and that the papers indicated that everything had been cleared up. I was busy at the time and paid no attention to what he was saying. We never discussed this matter subsequently. On another occasion, a few weeks after Randall came to Miami, I found a note in my desk which was written on the El Comodoro Hotel stationery. The note had not been sent thru the mails. It read to the effect that I had befriended the writer's son, and that the writer who signed the note as 'Philadelphia Louie' or some such name, now wanted to do me a favor. The writer then went on to say that the 'Kelly Mob' from New York were going 'to take' me. I thought nothing much of this note, but showed it to Duke Randall who took a note book from his pocket, looked thru it and then said that there was such a party as the writer of it. Randall, however, said nothing to indicate that he knew who wrote the note.



"I have known William Harrison for at least 5 years. I first met him when he was selling or cashing tickets at the Miami Beach Kennel Club. I don't recall who introduced me to him. However, since that time I have seen him in Miami frequently and recall that I also saw him 2 or 3 years ago at the Derby in Louisville, Ky. In Miami, I had been told that Harrison was an excellent golf player and on one occasion I played golf with him. I don't recall any of his associates, but I think everybody running the track at Miami Beach, the gambling places and the saloons there know him.

On Sept 1, 1934, William Harrison accompanied by a man whom he called 'Sea-Lion' came to the El Comodoro Hotel, after I had met Harrison on the streets in Miami a few days earlier when in a general conversation I informed him that I was at that time managing the El Comodoro Hotel. While I didn't check Harrison in the Hotel, I believe I saw him on that day. He was then accompanied by the man called 'Sea-Lion' whose photograph I have identified as Harry Sawyer. On that day I recall Harrison telling me that a friend was coming in on a plane that day from Havana. The next day they brought an elderly man to the Hotel who they introduced to me as Cash McDonald from Detroit. McDonald did not stop at the El Comodoro, but he told me that he was stopping at the McAllister.

During the period of Sept 1, to the 12th 1934 when Harrison and 'Sea Lion' were at the El Comodoro, I saw them frequently in company with McDonald. I understood from general conversation with them that Sea Lion operated a gambling place and saloon in the West; further that he had been in trouble with the U. S. Government having been questioned on numerous occasions in connection with income tax matters. On one occasion I heard 'Sea Lion' tell Harrison that he should have registered at the Hotel under his correct name. Practically all of the conversation I had with these men concerned gambling. They frequently referred to the 'Big Deal' in Cuba saying they had secured control of the Jockey Club, The National Casino, both in Havana and that they controlled all of the gambling in Cuba and that they expected to open a place in the Plaza Hotel in Havana. They also spoke of operating a place in Miami and I drove them in my Lincoln Sedan to look at several sites for a gambling place in Miami. One of the places I took them to was Broward County, Florida,

"where I showed them a big white house that had been erected for a Casino and which place is located opposite the dog track. On this trip we returned by the way of Miami Beach and I recall that when getting a sandwich there, that Harrison told the bartender that he, Harrison, formerly operated a saloon on Miami Beach; further that this place was located on Collins Ave and 23rd St. In connection with the proposed gambling site in Broward County we discussed this matter on several times and I even made a trip to Hollywood, Fla., to see a lawyer, whose name I don't recall, but who represented someone having a mechanics lien on this place. No further negotiations were entered by me or these men to my knowledge concerning this particular site.

During this particular period these men also told me that they had a gambling place in the north, as I recall in Ohio.

During this period, I also recall that Harrison and McDonald made a trip by air to Havana. 'Sea Lion' stayed at the El Comodoro during the time they were gone.

On Harrison's return to Miami, and as I recall about 2 days before, he and 'Sea Lion' checked out of the Hotel, Harrison came to me in my private office at the El Comodoro with a package, wrapped in newspaper. He told me there was a gun in the package and asked me if I would keep it until he returned. He mentioned that he was going back to Havana to close their deal in the Jockey Club and all the gambling. About 2 days after giving me the gun, Harrison and 'Sea Lion' checked out of the Hotel unbeknown to me.

I wish to say at this time also that during the time Harrison and 'Sea Lion' were at the El Comodoro Hotel, Cash McDonald made frequent trips by air to Havana. He remarked once during this time that he made enough air trips to Havana to own the ship. He always carried a tan brief case at this time. I never saw the contents of it, but I do recall that whenever Cash McDonald returned from Havana, he with Harrison and 'Sea Lion' went up to Harrison's room immediately. They at no time during this period mentioned anything except gambling and whiskey. They at no time mentioned the Bremer kidnaping case, nor the fact that they were exchanging money. They at no time during this period mentioned the names of the Barker-Karpis gang by name or by the aliases that I knew Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, as I will explain below.

+ With reference to the gun that I mentioned above and which was left with me by Harrison, several weeks after he left the El Comodoro, I spoke to T. C. Blackburn about this package asking him if he knew when Harrison would return to Miami. This was prior to Thanksgiving some time. I did not tell Blackburn what was in the package nor did I tell anyone else about it. Then about the middle of Dec. 1934, I saw Harrison in the lobby of the El Comodoro and I asked him when he was going to take the package he had left with me. He replied that he would call for it the next day, but he never did. From the time I received this gun in Sept. 1934, it remained wrapped in paper in my golf bag which was sitting in my office at the Hotel. Just before Xmas 1934, I had my office located on the main floor at the Hotel repainted. For this reason I moved my office temporarily to room 210 in the El Comodoro. I moved my golf bag up there placing it in the closet and at that time I thought of the gun in the golf bag. I took the package out and opened it when I recognized it as a machine gun of some kind. I also noticed that the manufacturers name on the gun, as well as other marks of identification had been chisled off of it. There were also several clips in the package all of which contained cartridges. The gun that has been shown to me by Special Agents Hanson and Jones appears to be the same gun that was left with me by Harrison. When I saw what kind of a gun this was, I put it back in the golf sack. Several days later, after debating what to do with the gun, I called Duke Randall to my office, showed him the gun after removing it from my golf bag, gave him the gun and the clips and told him to throw the gun and clips in the Bay. I did not tell him to have a box made for the gun or to check it in the check room at the El Comodoro Hotel. After this occasion, Duke Randall told me he had dumped the gun in the bay. I had never registered this gun with the Collector of Internal Revenue and had never taken any steps in connection with it in any manner except as has been described above.

+ With reference to the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, I wish to say that I knew Alvin Karpis by the names of Waggoner and Green; that I knew Fred Barker by the name of T. S. Blackburn and Harry Campbell by the name of Summers. I wish

"to say that at this time that I did not know these men were Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell. I believe that these people were referred to the El Comodoro Hotel by Cash McDonald. When he was at Miami as I have explained above, McDonald told me that he would refer his friends to my hotel and that they would stop there enroute to Cuba. When Karpis as Waggoner came to the El Comodoro in about Sept or Oct 1934,"

NOTE: The registration records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that Karpis and Dolores Delaney first registered at the hotel, under the name of J. Wagner and Mrs. Wagner of Detroit, Michigan, on September 20, 1934, registering out on September 21, 1934, having occupied Room 1008.

"he asked me if I knew Cash McDonald. He then introduced himself to me as Waggoner. Likewise when Fred Barker who I knew as T. C. Blackburn and Harry Campbell who I knew as Summers came to the Hotel"

NOTE: The registration records of the hotel disclose that Harry Campbell, as G. L. Summers, and Fred Barker, as T. C. Blackburn, both of St. Charles, Illinois, first registered at the said hotel on September 29, 1934, remaining until November 7, 1934, having first occupied Room 811, and on October 6, 1934, having been transferred to Room 1005.

"they also spoke of Cash McDonald asking me if I knew him. As I recall at this time, Blackburn told me that Cash McDonald had sent me to the El Comodoro Hotel. These men when stopping at the El Comodoro Hotel were accompanied by Mrs. Kate Barker who had registered at the Hotel as Mrs. Ryan."

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NOTE: The records of the hotel show that Kate Barker, as Mrs. G. E. Ryan, first registered at the hotel on September 30, 1934, registering out on November 7, 1934, having occupied Room 907 until October 6, 1934, when she was transferred to Room 1004.

\*She was represented by Blackburn as being his mother. Harry Campbell was accompanied by a woman on some of these occasions but I never saw her. Karpis, who I knew as Waggoner and Green, was accompanied by a young lady who was represented to be his wife and who I later noticed was pregnant. This entire group of people stopped at the El Comodore at various intervals from Sept 1934 up until January 1935. Some time, some of them stayed as long as several weeks. During their stays I had frequent conversations with the men and they generally discussed gambling. They frequently spoke at this time of Cash McDonald, of how they were hooked up in gambling in Cuba, that Cash was to handle all of the dealings and that they were connected with the gambling in Ohio.

The first of several especial favors that I did for these people was in about November 1934, when I told Blackburn that I was going to Tennessee. He at that time asked me to get some automobile license plates for him there. //

NOTE: The registration records of the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau at Nashville, Tennessee, disclose that 1934 Tennessee license plates No. 309681 were issued to T. C. Blackburn of Etowah on November 16, 1934.

\*I told him that I would try to do this. He at that time said he was a bootlegger. He gave me the description of his car which was a Buick Coupe. He also gave me the motor number of the car. When I got to Etowah, Tenn., I spoke to a friend who operates a garage there and whose name is Harry Cook. I gave him a description of Blackburn's car and told him I wanted to get license plates for T. C. Blackburn who was a bootlegger and that

"they should be mailed to Blackburn in my care at the El Comodoro Hotel. When the plates arrived in Miami, Blackburn was living at Ocklawaha, Fla., and I forwarded the plates to him there. Blackburn gave me three dollars with which to buy these plates. I wired him at Ocklawaha that I was forwarding these plates to him."

NOTE: In this connection, see the testimony of R. E. Johnson, Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida, seen elsewhere in this report, which discloses that on November 21, 1934, Joe Adams sent the following wire to Fred Barkers:

"11:13 PM NOV 21 1934

T C BLACKBURN  
CARSON BRADFORD HOME  
OKLAWAHA FLA

I HAVE BEEN SICK STOP PAPERS WILL  
START TODAY SORRY OF DELAY STOP  
MAILING PLATES TODAY STOP THANKS  
FOR FISH DID ENJOY THEM SO MUCH  
STOP REGARDS TO ALL

JOE ADAMS"

(Prepaid - .40)

"About the same time that I got Blackburn the license plates or perhaps a short time before that Blackburn came to me saying that he had made several trips over the State of Florida and that he was planning on renting a place at Orlando, Fla. Knowing that Carson Bradford had a place in that part of the State at Ocklawaha, Fla., located on Lake Wier, I spoke to Blackburn about it. He appeared to be interested and said that he would go there to look at it. I drew a map for him showing him the directions. This was done a regular road map. After Blackburn, Mrs. Ryan and Summers had been away on a trip they told me they had looked Bradford's place over and that they

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"wanted to rent it. I then telephoned to Mr. Bradford telling him I had some people at the Hotel who would like to rent his summer house at Lake Wier. He replied that he would rent it for \$75.00 per month. Blackburn then agreed to rent it on a monthly basis. No papers were signed, nor was a lease drawn for the rental of this place. To my knowledge Bradford never met Blackburn, Green or Summers. While the Blackburns were at this house, I visited them there on one occasion. I drove up there alone in Duke Randall's Ford Coupe on that occasion and will explain my reason for making that trip below.

When they were at Bradford's place they asked me to have the newspapers sent to them. I never did do that, because I didn't want to be bothered with mailing the papers to them each day."

NOTE: In connection with Adams' denial that he forwarded newspapers to the gang at the Carson Bradford home, reference should be made to the telegram which is quoted above, stating, in part, as follows:

"PAPERS WILL START TODAY SORRY OF DELAY"

"I also recall that one of my bell boys at the El Comodoro left my service and when he resigned he said he was going to Lake Wier to work for the Blackburns. After about a week this bell boy who is a negro and who is named Johnson came back to the Hotel saying he had left the Blackburn's employment. I gave him his job back.

Another thing that I did for Blackburn was to arrange for the purchase of some jewelry for him. As I recall, a day or two before Xmas, Blackburn with Waggoner was at the El Comodoro. They came to my private office on the second floor in the El Comodoro. I believe that I had met Blackburn and Waggoner in the lobby of the Hotel. Duke Randall was with me on this occasion. After the four of us had been talking for a while Blackburn said something about buying a Xmas present for his mother. I suggested to him that we could have some things

"sent to the Hotel. The four of us then went to my private office where we talked for a while and drank some beer. I then telephoned the Sutton Jewelry Co., told them who I was and that I was going to send a man down to get some jewelry from which to make a selection. I then asked them for some suggestions for a woman about Mrs. Ryan's age. I also asked Duke Randall to go down to the Jewelry Co., to get the samples. I gave him one of my cards or a note to the Jewelry Co., instructing them to give the bearer the samples. When Duke returned with the jewelry, Blackburn selected a couple of diamond bar pins. As I recall the purchase price was less than \$200.00. Blackburn paid for the jewelry giving the money to Duke. I paid no attention to his bankroll. I recall that I telephoned Sutton for a reduction in the price of the jewels selected. Duke then returned the jewels not purchased and so far as I know paid for the articles that Blackburn decided to buy."

NOTE: In connection with the purchase of jewelry, reference should be made to the testimony expected of D. B. Sutton seen elsewhere in this report.

"As I recall on this same day, Waggoner mentioned that he had been looking at a Buick automobile at the Ungar Agency and that he was going to buy a car. As they left my office I heard Waggoner and Randall talking about this purchase. I heard Waggoner ask Randall if he would buy the car for him. I recall that a purchase price of \$1400 was mentioned. I did not call anyone at the Ungar Buick Co., telling them that Waggoner was interested in the purchase of a Buick Car. Previously, however, Blackburn had told me that he was contemplating trading his Buick Coupe for a new car and at that time I told him that if he was going to buy a car that I would like to see him buy it from Ungar. I at that time telephoned Mr. Arthur Ungar telling him that a friend of mine from up in the country was planning to buy a new Buick and that I would like to have him take care of this friend. He promised to do so, but so far as I know Blackburn never bought a Buick from Ungar."



"At this time I would like to say that so far as I know Alvin Karpis never used any names except Waggoner and Green. I did not know that he had used the name of Leroy Morrison nor did I know that he had purchased a Buick from Ungar. I do not know if Duke Randall purchased a car for Karpis. So far as I know Duke Randall knew Karpis by the names of Waggoner and Green.

In the first part of December 1934 when Karpis was stopping at the El Comodoro Hotel with his wife, he asked me to refer him to a physician for his wife who was pregnant. As I recall I telephoned Dr. F. O. Nichols telling him that one of my guests was coming over to see him. I don't recall if I gave him the name of Karpis who I knew as Waggoner at that time. So far as I know Dr. Nichols never called on Karpis' wife at the Hotel. I did not tell Dr. Nichols that these people were named Woods. I do not recall any conversation with Dr. Nichols about these people except that when I referred them to him I told him that these people had paid their hotel bills and that I thought they would be a good risk.

About the middle of December 1934 or perhaps shortly prior thereto, Waggoner spoke to me about renting a house saying that because his wife was pregnant, they wanted to get a quiet place. At that time he had several clippings from the newspapers concerning the rental of houses and had asked me about the locations of those houses. About this same time, a Mr. Thomas who races dogs at the West Flagler Dog Track had mentioned to me and Mr. T. R. Knight that he had a house to rent. The occasion for this was at a time when Mr. Thomas had met with us to discuss the purchase of the Biscayne Kennel Club. At that time he spoke about his house. Mr. Knight and I then drove by the place, and looked it over. At that time we had in mind the establishing of Mr. Thomas' financial worth rather than the renting of the home for him. However, when Waggoner talked to me about renting a home I thought of the Thomas place. As I recall I drove Mrs. Waggoner to the Thomas home. I am not certain but I believe Waggoner was also with us. Thomas had offered to rent the house for \$750.00 for the season and Waggoner agreed as to this price. I did not assist in drawing up the lease for the house. Waggoner, however, gave me \$750.00 to pay Thomas for the rent. Waggoner took this money from an envelope that he had in the El Comodoro Hotel vault. This money had been given to me by Waggoner along with some other money and was kept in an envelope

"in the Hotel vault for safe keeping, as is done with other guests. Waggoner had left this money there a few days prior thereto and had left it in his wife's name. The \$750.00 as I recall was in fives, tens and twenties. I also wish to say that Waggoner on several occasions asked for this envelope and took money from it. Mrs. Waggoner never called for the envelope to my knowledge.

On the day after the shooting at Oklawaha, Fla., Duke Randall came to me at the El Comodoro with the claim check for the Waggoner envelope and with a note from Mrs. Waggoner. Duke said that Mrs. Waggoner wanted \$1200.00. I got the envelope. At that time I said to him it was a shame about Bradford's house and that I ought to keep the money for repairs to it. At this time I had read in the papers about Blackburn being Fred Barker and that he was wanted for the Bremer kidnaping. I then realized that Waggoner and Summers were also wanted for the same thing. At this time or the next day or so I saw Waggoner's picture in the Miami Beach Tribune and realized that he was Karpis. At the time I gave Randall the \$1000.00 note I told him that if he was mixed up with these people he was getting himself in trouble. That night when I talked to Randall he told me he had seen Waggoner and Summers on the night of the shooting with this woman and that he had communicated with a friend in Atlantic City and that they were going up there. He also told me he had bought railway tickets for the girls to Atlantic City. I did not tell the police authorities about this; nor had I learned of Randall's assisting them until this time.

I also wish to say that after Waggoner first stopped at the El Comodoro he left the Ford Coupe he was driving in the parking lot in the rear of the Hotel. When he left he turned over to me the key for the car saying the registration papers were in the car and that the owner or Willie Harrison would come down and get the car. He said that if I wanted to use it that it would be OK and that if Harrison or the owner didn't come for it, I could sell it. After the car was on the lot for a few weeks I had it moved to the Biscayne Kennel Club. In the first part of November 1934, I told Duke Randall that he could use it. I gave him the money for the license plates. I told him the circumstances under which it was left with me and that it might

"be a stolen car but that if he wanted to use it and buy plates for it that it would be OK. He did this, and I frequently drove the car at this time. After I had turned the car over to Randall, Waggoner came back to the El Comodoro on several occasions. He asked about the car and in reply to the questions he put to me, I told him neither the owner nor Harrison had called for the car and that Randall had it. He said that rather than have Randall give it up, he would buy another car. That was all that was ever said about the car. I paid nothing for it."

NOTE: This car was a 1934 Ford V-8 coupe, Motor No. 18-1037480, which was purchased by Alvin Karpis, in the name of Charles Bronson, in Cleveland, Ohio, from the Falke Motor Company on July 20, 1934.

"I wish to say that I never got any money from this bunch of men except the Hotel business that I got from them.

I also wish to say that about the middle of Dec. 1934, I began to get suspicious of this group of men and the way they were acting. Because of this I told Randall to get rid of the gun that had been left with me also of the Ford Coupe. I further had Randall make a trip to Etowah, Tenn., to see Cook for the purpose of having the records fixed there on the license plate that I had secured for Blackburn so that they could not be traced to me. Randall made this trip and told me that this had been done."

NOTE: In connection with this trip by Duke Randall to Etowah, Tennessee, it is noted that Randall purchased a round-trip ticket bearing passenger's coupon No. 3021, via the Eastern Air Lines at Miami, Florida, from Miami, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia, the ticket being stamped at Miami, Florida, on December 26, 1934, which would indicate that he commenced his trip on said date, the

said ticket also being stamped at Atlanta, Georgia, on January 1, 1935, which would indicate that he returned to Miami, Florida, from Atlanta, Georgia, on said date.

Reference is also made to the signed statement of Duke Randall, dated at Miami, Florida, January 26, 1935, in which it is noted he requested advice of Adams as to the procedure he should follow in case the plane did not fly from Jacksonville, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia. It has been impossible to obtain a copy of this wire but reference should be made to the reply thereto made by Joe Adams, which is quoted as follows:

\*JES 6-MIAMI FLO DEC 31 1934 1239P

DUKE RANDALL  
JACKSONVILLE AIRPORT FAV

USE OWN JUDGMENT THE QUICKEST WAY

JOE, 1258P

This wire was sent via the Postal Telegraph Company and the copy received by Randall is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

With further reference to this trip, reference is made to a wire which Randall sent to Joe H. Adams, which is quoted herewith as follows:



\*(Received at Miami Flo) 4:34 AM JAN 1 1935

OC 122 39 EL ATLANTA GA 31

JOE H ADAMS  
PENTHOUSE FLORIDA NAT BANK BLDG  
MIAMI FLO

HAD TOUGH BREAKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT  
MADE IT OK MET HARRY AND EVERYTHING IS FINE  
LEAVING ON 6 OCLOCK PLANE WILL ARRIVE  
1205 IN MIAMI WILL MEET YOU IN HOTEL WHEN  
I GET IN

BUKE

As seen elsewhere in this report, the original  
of this wire has been destroyed but the  
"water" copy thereof is available and can be  
produced.

"I was also suspicious of them because on a trip that Cash McDonald  
made to Miami in the latter part of December 1934, about Xmas time,  
when he came to the El Comodoro to see me and asked for Black-  
burn's and Waggoner's address, which I gave to him, in reply to  
my questions as to the identities of these persons, he changed the  
subject and evaded the questions I asked him. At this time I told  
Cash that I would telephone Waggoner to come over but he told me  
he was busy but would go by his place. Cash referred to Karpis  
as Waggoner. I never saw Cash McDonald, William Harrison or  
'Sea Lion' in the presence of Fred Barker, Karpis or Campbell,  
but from their conversations they spoke of each other as partners.

I wish to say here that after Randall got the thousand dollar  
bill from me as was explained above, there remained another  
thousand dollar bill. This is the bill that I turned over to  
Special Agents Jones and Hanson. I kept it to offer it to Mr.  
Bradford for repairs on his house, but he refused it. I offered  
it to him a day or two after the shooting at Ocklawaha, but when  
he refused it, I kept it until last Saturday when I gave it to the  
Special Agents mentioned above. I saw them put their marks of  
identification on it.

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"I also wish to say that on an occasion when I saw Cash McDonald in the latter part of Dec. 1934, after he had asked me where Waggoner was living he told me that he had been by Waggoner's place; at this time he also told me that a friend of his named Art, the last name being Hebebran or some such spelling, would contact me in the near future. He said that Art would stop at the Fleetwood Hotel, that he had been by the Hotel to see a Mr. Brennan or Drennan and told him to have Art get in touch with me. He also described Art as a gambler from Cleveland, that he was coming by plane from California and for me to cable him at an address in Havana when Art arrived. He gave me a cable address that I recall was something like Frederico Shackelford. Cash McDonald referred to Art as his partner and wanted me to meet him so that they could locate a gambling place in this vicinity. I recall that I asked McDonald if he wanted a place on Miami Beach and he told me that he didn't want to compete with the fellows there. He also mentioned having a meeting on South Miami Beach with a dozen or more fellows. I don't know what this meeting was about.

After having had this statement read to me by Special Agent Hanson, I voluntarily affix my signature hereto, no promises having been made to me, nor any force exercised against me.

I also wish to add that after I got suspicious of these people, in the latter part of December, I made a trip to Ocklawaha to observe them at the Bradford home. Everything appeared to be regular there. Blackburn and his mother were there and there was nothing more to arouse my suspicions.

I also wish to say that several months ago when Waggoner was at the El Comodore Hotel, he asked about a kidney man so I referred him to Dr. John Hall.

I voluntarily affix my signature hereto.

/s/ J. H. Adams

Witnesses:

R. L. Jones

J. H. Hanson,

Special Agents  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Dept of Justice."

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(See report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, pages 84 through 94.)

This witness will also introduce and identify a receipt executed by the Florida Reptile Institute, Silver Springs, Florida, dated December 2, 1934, indicating that T. C. Blackburn, of Oklawaha, Florida, had paid the amount of \$20.00 for the purpose of having an eight point deer head mounted to be sent to Mr. Joe Adams at the El Comodore Hotel, Miami, Florida.

*Admitted  
delivered this  
receipt to Hanson  
personally*

This receipt has been obtained and is now available for the use of Mr. Walter L. Barlow.

NOTE: In this connection, reference is also to be had to the testimony of E. Ross Allen, Director of the Florida Reptile Institute, seen elsewhere in this report.

(For the above, see the report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, page 99.)

J. H. HANSON,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
617 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

This witness will advise that on January 21, 1935, at Miami, Florida, he obtained the following signed statement from Henry (Duke) Randall:

"Miami, Florida,  
Jan 21, 1935.

I, Henry Randall, made the following free and voluntary statement to J H Hanson and R. L. Jones, Special Agents, Division of Investigation, U. S. Dept of Justice, knowing that I need not make a statement and that what I say can be used against me in Court.

About April 15, 1934, I became acquainted with Joe H Adams at Newark, N. J. I met him thru a Mr. Ariel who is a clerk at the Douglas Hotel in Newark and who lived at the Grant Hotel in Newark where I also lived at that time. Ariel told me if I came by the Douglas Hotel, he perhaps would have a job for me. When I went thru about April 15, 1934, Ariel introduced me to Joe H. Adams and J D Passmore who he described as Dog Track Men from Miami, Fla. There was a third man in their party whose name I do not recall for certain altho I know his first name is Charlie and I believe his last name is Sandler or Chandler. He is also from Miami.

Joe Adams offered me a job as a chauffeur to drive his 1933 Lincoln Sedan at a salary of \$30.00 per week. I worked for him for about a month in this capacity. During this time, I drove all three of these men to various places in Newark and vicinity. I gathered from their conversation and what they told me that they were in Newark to promote a race track. I drove these people to many places in Newark and vicinity. I don't know who they contacted except Fred Shell, Pres. of the New Jersey Building Trades Union State Council at



Note page 8 of the report of B.F. Fitzsimons, Jax , 4-4-35, where it is shown that Fitz discussed this matter with Randall after he was in jail, and at which time he admitted much of the info contained in his statements.

Report of N.D. Wills, Trenton, N.J. 4-24-36, p. 2. Note that Duke Randall admits having signed his name to the combination form in transferring ownership in the Ford Coupe from Bronson to himself in the Name of Duke Randall, El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Fla.

Note the report of J.H. Hanson, Jax , 4-23-35, page 60, Randall was subsequently interviewed by McKee, Hansen and Barlow, at which time he admitted the details of the information contained in his signed statements.

On a Collateral inquiry re the admissibility of the Statements of Duke Randall, see the statements of Agent N.D. Wills, who interviewed Randall, the latter stating that he was treated with every courtesy.